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# Liquid Note, Maude's Taphouse set to close this weekend

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

A pair of downtown Otsego businesses are closing their doors for good, the owners announced via social media on Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Liquid Note—a brewery and live-music venue located at 119 E. Allegan St.—and Maude's Taphouse (117 E. Allegan St.) will close following the Creative Arts Festival on Saturday, Sept. 27.

Both businesses are owned by the mother-son duo of Linda and Mark McPherson.

In an interview with News 8, Mark McPherson said he was "devastated" by the closures.

"You put your heart and soul into something and create something from scratch," he said. "You look around and you try not to shed a tear."

Maude's Taphouse, described on its website as "a comfortable, family-friendly environment featuring 41 rotating drafts and fresh, delicious food," opened on March 14, 2014.

"The restaurant carried a 1940s theme representing the hard-working community that made Otsego the city to be proud of for almost 200 years," the McPhersons wrote in their closure statement.

The McPhersons said that the past five years following the mandated COVID shutdowns have "certainly impacted our ability to regain success."

"In reality, less disposable income has affected so many individuals, (and) the trend to spend less and stay home to save more has affected businesses like Maude's," the McPhersons wrote. "Sadly, the lack of revenue has made it impossible for Maude's to continue."

Given the success of Maude's prior to the COVID shutdown, Liquid Note—then known as Liquid Note Brewing @ The Arpeggio—opened for business on Feb. 1, 2019.

The venue offered both indoor and outdoor concert spaces, along with its "musically infused brews" that sought to pair just the right beer with various musical acts.

"Liquid Note was created to offer a downtown entertainment destination, incredible experience for its customers and a premiere performance venue for musicians," the McPhersons wrote. "During its short history, Liquid Note hosted hundreds of local soloists and many internationally known bands—a true variety collage."

Liquid Note was also known for its open-mic nights and blues jams.

"The first 13 months recognized rapid growth," the McPhersons wrote.

Then came the COVID restrictions.

And after Liquid Note's official reopening on its second anniversary, the business was hampered with a ruptured pipe in its sprinkler system. That caused an additional three-month shutdown.

**In social media posts on Wednesday, Sept. 17, Linda and Mark McPherson announced the impending closures of Liquid Note and Maude's Taphouse. Both businesses will close their doors for good following the Creative Arts Festival on Saturday, Sept. 26. (Photos by Jason Wesseldyk)**

In 2023, Liquid Note built a new outdoor stage and, a year later, expanded the space to accommodate 1,200 people.

"We added a convenient bathroom trailer with air conditioning, sinks and flushing toilets," the McPhersons wrote. "We also transformed the former dentist office building into a modern green room, including changing rooms for the bands."

Despite those efforts, however, attendance never reached the levels the McPhersons were expecting.

"The lack of revenue generated at events is simply no longer sustainable," the McPhersons wrote.

But while Maude's and Liquid Note will soon go dark, the McPhersons are not exiting downtown Otsego altogether.

Rather, they plan to focus their energy and attention on Mac's Place, located on N. Farmer Street.

Originally opened in March 2021, Mac's Place announced via Facebook on Sept. 10, 2022, that it would be "closed for a period of time while we regroup and try to find kitchen staff."

"Stop in to see Mac's Place, starting the evening of September 26 and during the Creative Arts Festival," the McPhersons wrote.

**The large wooden playground structure at Otsego's Northside Park was set ablaze in the early morning hours on Tuesday, Sept. 2. (Photos provided)**

# Arrest made in connection with Northside Park fire

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Shortly after midnight on Tuesday, Sept. 2, the large, wooden playground structure at Otsego's Northside Park was set ablaze.

Less than three weeks later, charges have been filed in the case.

According to Otsego Director of Police and Fire Brad Misner, on Monday, Sept. 22, his department filed the following charges with the Allegan County Prosecutors Office against a 37-year-old Otsego man:

* Third-degree arson
* Contributing to the delinquency of a minor
* Habitual fourth-offense

"The suspect was already in custody at the Allegan County Sheriff's Office on separate charges," Misner said. "He will be arraigned on the new charges in the coming days."

Following the fire, Otsego City Manger Aaron Mitchell feared the playground structure—affectionately known to many as "castle park"—was destroyed.

Upon further investigation, however, it became clear that the damage had been contained to an area measuring approximately 20 feet by 40 feet.

Employees from the Otsego Department of Public Works then went about the task of removing the portion of the structure that had been destroyed. The remaining structure was reopened on Thursday, Sept. 4, less than 60 hours after the blaze.

"It's pretty remarkable," Mitchell said of the work done by the Department of Public Works. "And that's not to mention the fact that the DPW team did not miss any other scheduled projects for the week."

According to Mitchell, the hope is to have the repairs to the playground structure complete at some point next spring.

Anyone with additional information regarding the fire is asked to contact the Otsego Police Department at (269) 692-6111 or Silent Observer at (800) 554-3633.

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# Allegan council expands social district, proclaims Day of Recovery

**By Gari Voss**

The Allegan's City Council began their September 22, 2025, meeting with a proclamation setting Saturday, September 27, 2025, as the city's Day of Recovery. The celebration is organized by OnPoint, Allegan County's behavioral healthcare provider. The council members want to support those who have been in recovery and the caregivers, family members and friends who play integral roles in the recovery process. Other items addressed included addressing the surveying of Oakwood Cemetery, improved lighting at the airport, and expanding the Downtown Social District.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Day of Recovery Proclamation by Mayor Perrigo**.

Mayor Traci Perrigo made the proclamation to set Saturday, September 27, 2025, the Day of Recovery. The celebration will be from 11am-4pm. The day will embrace those who have worked to recover from mental and substance use issues. This will be a fun, family event with those recovering doing some sharing. Members of OnPoint spoke about the importance of the event. It celebrates not only those who have been recovering, but those coaches, caregivers, family members, and friends who have dedicated their lives to being on the front line in assisting those who have problems. The OnPoint team reminded those in attendance that connection to the community is extremely important.

**ORDINANCES and SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The First Reading of Ordinance 531 to amend the City Zoning Ordinance regarding fences and schedule a second reading and public hearing for October 13, 2025, brought several questions. The Planning Commission had spent time reviewing and rewriting ordinances, but the ordinance for fences was overlooked and must now be added back to the document. Questions were raised concerning temporary fencing and retaining walls. Dye shared that they would look into temporary fence construction and retaining walls that hold back earth. The second reading and public hearing will be October 13, 2025.

**REPORTS**

**Downtown Development Authority.** Assistant Manager Parker Johnson shared that the commission reviewed the Retail Market Analysis done by Gibbs Planning Group. Information will be used in designing the master plan for 2025-2030 by looking at key properties to focus on. The DDA will receive technical assistance from the Gibbs Planning Group. The DDA resource team sub-committee was designed to assist business leaders who are opening or considering opening a business in downtown.

**Public Spaces Commission.** Councilmember Canales shared that the commission did their annual tour of the 10 City of Allegan parks and cemetery.

**Planning Commission.** Councilmember Westover shared that the commission had a Public Hearing and review of Ordinance 531 regarding fences and voted to send the Ordinance to the City Council. The group was informed by City Manager Dye that at the October meeting, there would be a development application for a rezoning and special use permit to expand an automobile service station and another for a residential development for the former Girl Scout property.

**Fire District Board**. Councilmember Walker shared the July numbers, which showed 49 incidents in Allegan compared to 61 the previous year. The Fire District is still having a difficult time finding a contractor to repair the brick damage. The Allegan County Community Foundation gave the City Station $6,000 for a new washing machine for turn out gear.

The Allegan City Council agreed to expand the Downtown Social District to include Trowbridge and Walnut Streets to make travel to the Griswold Auditorium easier.

**Public Works**

**Cemetery Surveying.** The request to approve PO 26-0834 to Wightman Engineering in the amount of $14,250 for surveying Plot E and a new Green Space Section in Oakwood Cemetery passed. City Manager Dye shared that a section had been corded off for green burials which had an adjacent section that had not been previously surveyed but had used plots. The Plot E portion of the cemetery had not been surveyed and was added to the RFP. $15,000 had been budgeted.

**Airport light baffles.** The request to approve PO 26-0836 to J Ranck Electric in the amount of $11,375 for the installation of Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) light baffles at the airport passed. The FAA notified the city staff that pilots complained that obstructions were blocking their view when approaching the runway. The staff located baffles for the PAPI 2008 lights. $40,000 had been budgeted for new lights.

**Administrative Services**

**Accounts.** The request to approve accounts payable in the amount of $3,145,608.73 and payroll in the amount of $276,040.18 for a total disbursement of $3,421,648.91 passed.

**Downtown Allegan Social District.** The request to increase the size of the Downtown Allegan Social District passed. This will expand the district to include Trowbridge Street to Walnut Street and Walnut Street to Hubbard Street. Walkers can now more easily reach the Griswold Auditorium. In addition, Chestnut Street that is within the district was added. The expansion includes only the sidewalks and not the county parking lot or walking in the streets. Beverages purchased in the Social District will only be able to enter the Griswold Auditorium if a special permit has not been pulled for the event.

**Planting Trees along Marshall St.** The request to approve a contract with MDOT to permit the planting of trees on the M-89 Right of Way (Marshall Street) along Rossman Park passed. Homeowners presented a request to plant 16 serviceberry trees to be taken to MDOT. This is the first step to move the planting forward, and MDOT will need to review the species and placement. Homeowners believe it would help slow traffic and beautify the entrance into the city. Questions regarding maintenance will enter the conversation in the future.

**Lot Split 1.** The request for approval of a lot split for parcel 03-51-251-038-10 (147 Eastern Ave.) passed. The parcel is off Pleasant St. and Eastern Ave. and would be split into three parcels. The intent is to build homes on each of the parcels.

**Lot Split 2.** The request for approval of a lot split for parcel 03-51-250-006-10 (633 Airway Dr.) north of M-222 passed. The plan is to build a house on the new lot.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

1. This past weekend City Manager Dye worked with people along Eastern Avenue for a block party and improvement work. Other city employees came to assist with the work and fun. During this work, Dye felt that it would be beneficial to have solar lights included at the pedestrian crossings.
2. Dye reminded the Council that the next meeting would have a request to review the financing plan that could lead to a notice of intent to go out for bonds. He will send a memo to review the steps of bonding before October 13th so questions can be answered before the meeting. The bond is required to complete the Rossman Park and Downtown work.
3. The environmental review is moving along for Rossman Park.

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

**Councilmember Westover** – asked about the progress of the rental ordinance sub-committee. City Manager Dye shared that there are five people who have offered to be on the committee. The first meeting will discuss how to move forward.

**Councilmember Walker** – wondered if updates could be organized in a bullet point format. City Manager Dye shared that Minutes will only include action taken. Ryan Burza creates points of the YouTube videos to make it easier to find specific topics. The Lakeshore Habitat has set aside money for homes to receive assistance. Mohamed Gabow shared that about 8 requests have been completed, 10 more are in the process, and others are working to complete the application with the assistance of Mohammed who is coordinating with Lakeshore Habitat. The funding is good until October 2026.

**Councilmember Hooker** – shared that she and Councilmember Walker will begin their Coffee with the Council opportunities on October 24th, from 8-10am at Mug Shots. All are welcome to join the conversation.

**Councilmember Hanse** – thanked the police for their quick response to a situation at school. He also inquired about the brick work at Oakwood Cemetery.

**Mayor Perrigo** – reminded the Council that Hoot-n-Howl will happen before the next meeting. Friday is more for adults with a ghost walk. Saturday is family oriented. She also reiterated that the Rossman Park gathering was great.

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# Inaugural Halloween Hoot-n-Howl Event haunts Downtown Allegan

**By Parker Johnson & Gari Voss**

Downtown Allegan will transform into a hub of autumn magic and Halloween fun during the first-ever Halloween Hoot-n-Howl, taking place Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4, 2025. This brand-new festival invites all ages to enjoy a full weekend of seasonal activities, local shopping, entertainment, and community spirit.

Friday, October 3 kicks off the celebration with enchanted sales and special twilight shopping hours from 5:00–8:00pm at Downtown Allegan businesses, and the launch of the Harvest Ale Competition between the hometown breweries.

For every $10 spent, shoppers will receive an entry into a grand prize raffle. Costumes earn participants an automatic entry. Winners will be announced during a screening of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* hosted by members of the Allegan Community Players at the Griswold Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. Admission to the film is free with a raffle ticket or $10 at the door. This 18+ cult-classic event promises an unforgettable evening with audience participation.

Saturday, October 4th offers a full day of Halloween and fall-themed experiences for families and adults. Highlights include:

- A Fall Flower Bar at Allegan Floral & Gifts (10am–3pm)
- Free Make-a-Monster Craft at the Allegan District Library (10am–3:30pm)
- Free Early 20th Century Halloween Party at the Old Jail Museum (10am–4pm)
- Free crafts at the Allegan District Library
- Sweet Exotics Reptiles at Just a Second (10am–4pm)
- DIY shirt-making and a community mural at The Sassy Olive (10am–6pm & 1pm–9pm)
- Meet the Ghostbusters and Ecto-1 at Tardy's Underground (11am–5pm)

**The City of Allegan will host their first Halloween Hoot-n-Howl on Fri., Oct. 3 and Sat., Oct. 4, 2025. The event highlights activities for families and adults. Who will be brave enough to become involved in the countless opportunities to enjoy Halloween at many levels of fright? Photo: P. Johnson**

- Free cider and donuts at the Allegan County Community Foundation (12–3pm, while supplies last)
- Free monster movies at the Griswold Auditorium by A-Tech Computers (12–5pm)
- Free hay wagon rides through downtown (12–5pm)
- Make your own spooky lip gloss & sidewalk bootique party at Pretty Pink Tingz (12-7pm)
- Free Haunted Movie at The Regent Theatre (5pm)
- Free Guided Ghost Tours from Trowbridge Plaza (6–8:30pm)
- Oktoberfest at Tantrick Brewing & Stillhouse (6–10pm)
- The Regent Theatre Presents: Shocktober! – An American Werewolf in London (9:30pm)

Many activities are free of charge, making the Hoot-n-Howl an accessible celebration for the entire community. Allen's Farm Market will be set up in Mahan Park for Patch in the Park, selling pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks and more on Friday and Saturday.

"We're thrilled to bring a brand-new fall tradition to Allegan," said Parker Johnson, Assistant City Manager. "The Halloween Hoot-n-Howl combines shopping, family fun, seasonal activities, and a little bit of fright into one exciting weekend."

The Halloween Hoot-n-Howl is presented by Downtown Allegan, sponsored by Milbocker & Sons, Inc, with support from local businesses and community organizations. For a full schedule of events and details, visit downtownallegan.com or Downtown Allegan on Facebook and Instagram.

# Allegan Food Alliance seeks community input to shape local food community

**By Mary Colborn & Gari Voss**

The Allegan Food Alliance (AFA) is launching "Come to the Table: Your Voice. Your Food. Your Future," a county-wide series of listening sessions involving focus groups, interviews, and surveys designed to hear directly from farmers, food workers, grocers, restaurant owners, seniors, caregivers, youth, health care partners, faith and civic groups, and everyday eaters.

The listening session during October and November will gather information from stakeholders as an initial step in strengthening the county food system as a whole.

Since its inception, the AFA's task force has focused on uniting farmers, schools, healthcare providers, human service agencies, and community organizations to build a resilient and affordable food system, prioritizing vulnerable populations, including older adults and children.

The Allegan Food Alliance came to the foreground when they organized Seed Workshops and assisted in establishing Seed Libraries across the county. Anyone can go to their local library or other community location and select free seeds. By sharing the importance of seeds, techniques for planting and harvesting, and videos focused on research and history, participants moved forward in developing gardens that could suppliment their food needs and learned to create their own compost.

The initial activities established several raised gardens at key facilities in Allegan County, thanks to the passion of members and funded in part by previous grants. These activities were based on the knowledge and skills of the Food Alliance members. The team is now ready to move forward to discern what others feel is important and draw upon a wider base of knowledge and experiences. Thus is the intent of "Come to the Table: Your Voice. Your Food. Your Future.

"While the headlines focus on losses, we in Allegan County are focused on building," said Mary Colborn, Executive Director of the Allegan Food Alliance. "By listening deeply to each other during the 'Come to the Table' listening sessions, we can share our stories and grow what we need to create a strong, resilient food system rooted in community wisdom, lived experience, and real, doable solutions. This is our chance to bring people together and lift up voices that often go unheard as we build something lasting with and for the people of Allegan County."

Cindy Meyer, AFA secretary shared, "Imagine a county where fresh products are local and directly shipped to our grocery stores, restaurants, schools, hospitals, and senior homes. Imagine that the produce didn't have to be sprayed down to preserve shelf life because it is local. Imagine farmers getting a fair price without worrying about transportation costs and spoilage. Imagine people getting food at an affordable price. Imagine our most vulnerable community members - our seniors, children, and hospital patients - receiving the healthiest, most nutrient-dense food possible. Let's connect. Let's discuss this. Let's build together."

AFA has teamed with the Michigan Health Endowment Fund that works to improve the health and wellness of Michigan residents and reduce the cost of healthcare, with a special focus on children and seniors. The Endowment Fund supports AFA's efforts with "Come to the Table: Your Voice. Your Food. Your Future." to further the cause.

The success of this project depends upon the involvement of Allegan County residents and business representatives coming together to share their experiences and goals. Everyone is welcome to attend one or more of the five countywide listening sessions. Whether an individual eats food, buys food, sells food, serves food, or grows food, those thoughts and experiences are welcome, and the team is listening, so a strong, self-reliant, fair local system can be created in Allegan County. No registration is necessary.

The five countywide Listening Sessions include:

**1. Allegan** ***10/11/2025.*** Griswold Auditorium - Banquet Room is located at the bottom level of the building from 2:00-3:30 pm 401 Hubbard St. Allegan, MI 49010 https://www.thegriswoldallegan.com/.

**2. Plainwell** ***10/14/2025.*** Ransom District Library from 6:00-7:30 pm at 180 S. Sherwood Ave., Plainwell, MI 49080 https://www.ransomlibrary.org/.

**3. Pullman** ***10/21/2025*** Channing from 6:00-7:30 pm at 790 53rd St., Pullman, MI 49450 https://campchanning.com/.

**4. Saugatuck** ***11/7/2025.*** Saugatuck Women's Club from 10:30-12:00 pm at 303 Butler St., Saugatuck, MI 49453 http://www.saugatuckwomensclub.com/.

**5. Wayland** ***11/11/2025.*** Leighton Township Library from 6:00-7:30 pm at 4451 12th St., Wayland, MI 49348 https://www.leightonlibrary.org/.

The Allegan Food Alliance is a community-rooted nonprofit organization working to strengthen a resilient, affordable, local food system by connecting growers, buyers, and neighbors while lifting community voices and catalyzing practical solutions.

For more information about the Allegan Food Alliance and upcoming community events, visit https://alleganfoodalliance.com/ or follow them on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555903095446.

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# Avian flu found in county flock

Following an investigation by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), the Michigan State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory has detected the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a backyard flock from Allegan County. This is the first case of HPAI in poultry from an Allegan County flock since the virus was first detected in Michigan in 2022. Adhering to biosecurity measures and using personal protective equipment (PPE) continue to be vital in helping ensure the health of Michigan's domestic animals and the general public.

HPAI is a highly contagious virus that can be spread in various ways from flock to flock, including by wild birds, through contact with infected animals, by equipment, and on the clothing and shoes of caretakers.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the public health risk associated with avian influenza remains low. As a reminder, people should properly handle and cook all poultry and eggs.

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# Community Events



**Community Calendar - Week of September 22, 2025**

**EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!**

- **Wed., Sept. 24, 2025, 9am-Noon: Armintrout-Milbocker Nature Preserve Cleanup**
- **Fri., Sept. 26, 2025, 4-7pm: Fish Fry Fundraiser**
- **Fri., Sept. 26, 2025, 4:30-7pm: Wayland Union Tailgate Party**
- **Fri., Sept. 26, 2026, 5-7pm: 4th Friday in Fennville**
- **Fri., Sept. 26, 2025, 7pm: The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe**
- **Sat., Sept. 27, 2025, 11am-4pm: Day of Recovery celebration**
- **Sat., Sept. 27, 2025, 4-7pm: Love INC 25th Anniversary**
- **Sat., Sept. 27, 2025, 2pm & 7pm: The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe**
- **Sun., Sept. 28, 2025, 8am-4pm: Allegan Antiques Market**
- **Sun., Sept. 28, 2025, 2pm: The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe**

**CURRENT EVENTS**

**Wed., Sept. 24, 2025, 9am-Noon: Armintrout-Milbocker Cleanup**
Armintrout-Millbocker Nature Preserve Thomas St. Allegan
Enjoy a beautiful morning volunteering at the Armintrout-Milbocker Nature Preserve with the SW Michigan Conservancy. More info at https://swmlc.org/weekly-outdoor-stewardship/.

**Wed., Sept. 24, 2026: Library Fun**
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
**10am: Play Café.** Caregivers can enjoy coffee and conversation while little one enjoy Play-Duh.
**3:30pm: Native American History.** All ages can learn about the rich culture and history of Native American peoples.

**Thurs., Sept. 25, 2025: Library Fun**
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
**10:30am: Preschool Storytime.** 3-5 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.
**3:30pm: Tween STEAAM Club!** 4th-7th graders can register at 269 673-4625 to enjoy making edible artwork.

**Thurs., Sept. 25, 2025, 1-3pm: Violet Journals**
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
Paint journals with violets or anything you wish to paint. Register & make payment via https://www.paypal.me/braveartcarr.

**Fri., Sept. 26, 2025, 10-11am: Health Hero's Nutrition Class**
TBA Allegan
Healthy cooking class for families with children ages 3-5 years old. Register in English or Spanish at bit.ly/familiesconnected2026.

**Fri., Sept. 26, 2025: Library Fun**
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
**10:30am: Sing Song Family Yoga.** Kids & caregivers can join Deb Weiss-Gelmi for yogi, music, and literacy.
**3:30pm: Fantasy Drawing Class.** 6th-12th graders can join Natalie Budnick in creating fantasy creatures.

**Fri., Sept. 26, 2025, 4-7pm: Fish Fry Fundraiser**
First Congregational Church 323 Cutler St. Allegan
Enjoy a wonderful meal of cod and side dishes and support the Congregational Kitchen. Meal may be eaten in or carry out. The suggested contribution is $15 to support this food ministry.

**Fri., Sept. 26, 2025, 4:30-7pm: Wayland Union Tailgate Party**
Wayland Union Steeby Elem. Parking Lot Wayland
Join the Tailgate party hosted by the Wayland Union Education Foundation. Enjoy the Parade, food trucks and activities.

**Fri., Sept. 26, 2026, 5-7pm: 4th Friday in Fennville**
Celebrate downtown Fennville with food, fun and friends.

**Fri., Sept. 26, 2025, 7pm: The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe**
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan
Follow the adventures of Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy into the Wardrobe as they battle the White Witch.

**Sat., Sept. 27, 2025, 11am-4pm: Day of Recovery**
In honor of September being the National Recovery Month, Mayor Traci Perrigo proclaimed this day as Allegan's Day of Recovery with the "Art of Recovery" celebration on the Riverfront sponsored by OnPoint, the Allegan County leader in working with those to lessen the stigma of mental health and substance use disorder.

**Sat., Sept. 27, 2025, 11am: Jumpstart Your Genealogy**
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Join genealogist Megan Heyl to uncover family history.

**Sat., Sept. 27, 2025, 4-7pm: Love INC 25th Anniversary**
Love INC 4621 135th Ave. Hamilton
Enjoy the celebration of 25 years meeting the needs of the community. Come for dinner, yard games, kids' activities, prizes, shopping, and more!

**Sat., Sept. 27, 2025, 2pm & 7pm: The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe**
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan
Follow the adventures of Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy into the Wardrobe as they battle the White Witch.

**Sun., Sept. 28, 2025, 8am-4pm: Allegan Antiques Market**
Allegan Co. Fairgrounds 150 Fair Dr. Allegan
Shop the antiques and collectibles.

**Sun., Sept. 28, 2025, 2pm: The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe**
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan
Follow the adventures of Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy into the Wardrobe as they battle the White Witch.

**Mon., Sept. 29, 2025: Library Fun**
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
**6pm: Bingo.** All can play Bingo for prizes.
**6pm: Prepare Fair.** Sept. is National Preparedness Month so join first responders to learn and plan for safety.

**Tues., Sept. 30, 2025, 10:30am: Lapsit Storytime**
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
0-2 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.

**Tues., Sept. 30, 2025, 1-2pm: Love INC Mentor Training**
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**Wed., Oct. 1, 2025: Library Fun**
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**Sat., Oct. 4, 2025, 9am-noon: Household Hazardous Waste collection**
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**Sat., Oct. 4, 2025, 10am: Drone Club**
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
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Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
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**Sat., Oct. 4, 2025, noon-9:30pm: Halloween Hoot-n-Howl (cont.)**
Downtown Allegan will have Halloween=themed activities for kids & adults.

**Mon., Oct. 6, 2025: Library Fun**
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
**1pm: Drop-In Lego Club –** Ages 5-12 can drop in after early release to play with Legos!
**4pm: Perler Pals Art Club** – Ages 5-12 can create using Perler Beads.
**6pm: Teen Game Night –** Grades 6-12 can play computer, dice, cards or board games.

**Tues., Oct. 7, 2025: Library Fun**
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
**10:30am: Lapsit Storytime -** 0-2 year olds can listen to stories and enjoy activities.
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**Tues., Oct. 7, 2025, 6pm: Rotary Speaker**
Fenn Valley 6130 122nd Ave. Allegan
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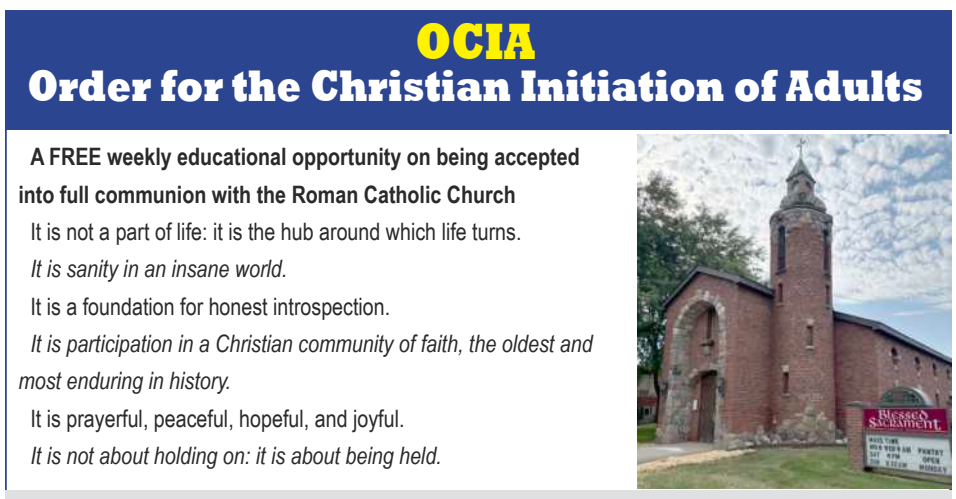
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# Personality Profile- Who is Robert Sarro?

**By: Andrea Philipp**

People are probably most familiar with me in my professional capacity with Allegan County. I have served as the Allegan County Administrator since 2005 and am appointed by the Board of Commissioners. As County Administrator, among other responsibilities, I lead county operations on behalf of the Board and develop leadership to carry out the County's vision, plans, and policies. Overall, I have been with Allegan County Government for 28 years. I joined the organization in 1997 as a PC Technician and quickly began moving up the leadership ladder. Since that time, I also served as Network Administrator and Director of Information Services. On a personal level, I am grateful to have many other fulfilling roles in my life.

**Q: What is your drive for this position?**

A: My dad was a government manager for the State of New York. Being a manager and having a leadership role was the career path I had always aspired to because I believe this type of role is a "force multiplier" – you can drive great results by helping others achieve beyond what they previously thought was their full potential. I am a big proponent of Continuous Improvement. I try to stay results-focused and keep looking ahead. It is good to debrief and learn from the past, but we cannot change it, so I try to keep energy towards understanding what we can do to accomplish a better result moving forward. In that spirit, mistakes can be an organization's and an individual's best learning tool. I love working for and with Allegan County Government because of the people and the diverse range of services provided. Each day presents new and often different opportunities. It can be messy, challenging, but frequently very rewarding. I believe through teamwork that County Government can operate efficiently as a unified organization, be a place of care, and still uphold the appropriate separation of duties.

**Q: Where did you study?**

A: I see myself as a lifelong learner, so I strive to learn something everywhere I go and from every experience. Formally, I began my college education at the University of Florida, focusing on Business Administration, and then earned a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Management and Organizational Development from Spring Arbor University.

**Q: What do you do outside of being our County Administrator?**

A: Time with my family, from simple things around the house to traveling. We enjoy visiting restaurants throughout the County and in the region. As the youngest of five children, I learned many skills growing up with older siblings, like cooking, cars, and computers/electronics, and I still do those things. I enjoy pastimes like golf or bowling but honestly between family and work, my cup is pretty full. It is great when things can overlap, for example, my daughter also loves cars so we spend time at the Gilmore Museum. Overall, I practice work/life integration more so than work/life balance. I try to be where I am needed when I am needed, and that works pretty well.

**Q: What about family life?**

A: I met my wife, Sheila, online by chance in a chat room for college football on AOL. We have been married now for 28 years and have three children. Sheila is from Michigan and has lived in Allegan County her whole life. So following true love is the reason I came to Michigan. We are very proud of our children. They are good natured, hard workers and all still working on their education. I greatly value time with my family and as life moves on family time looks different. We embrace any time we can have together. We also have two golden retrievers.

Robert Sarro

**Q: Rob, what are some things most people do not know about you?**

A: I am pretty dynamic. Although I am naturally analytical and that is probably the quick impression. As people get to know me I hope they see that I care and I love serving people. Over time, I learned the power of empathy and maintaining a balanced approach to decision-making. On a lighter note, I enjoy music, movies, and TV shows in all genres. Again, pretty dynamic, I could be watching a thrilling action movie one time and a Hallmark movie the next.

**Q: One silly fact about you?**

A: I am way too enthusiastic about vehicles. I enjoy the history, innovation, impact they have had on society. I like them so much, I even name my vehicles. I have a black minivan I named Jelly Bean (I am a pretty big fan of licorice so I always go right to the black jelly beans).

**Q: What is your mission?**

A: Professionally, I want to keep learning as much as possible about myself and others. This helps build a better me, teams, and relationships. In doing that, my mission is to take a team-based approach to providing the very best service we can and to always keep improving.

**Q. What is your favorite part of being an Allegander?**

A. I love living in Allegan County because it offers many landscapes and environments. I have lived in New York, Florida, and Michigan. Allegan County is the best of all worlds, from the Lakeshore to the forest, from rural living to the "cool" small city vibe, we seem to have it all here within 900 sq miles, and excellent access to other parts of the region. I think that is unique.

**Q. What is your favorite restaurant?**

A: We have so many great restaurants within the County I don't think I could pick just one. I will share being originally from New York, I am excited to find good pizza. My family and I have gotten pizza from multiple venues at one time to see which one we like best. Bottom line there is something in Allegan County for everybody. Being Italian, I love a good Italian pastry, such as a Cannoli and they are hard to find. Vitale's in Allegan does make a delicious Cannoli.


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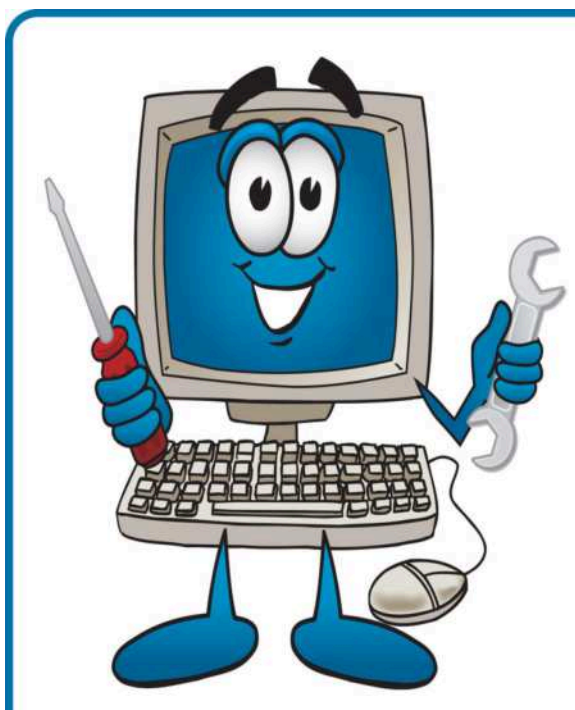
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# Opinion: Erika Kirk's Greatest Act of Courage — Forgiving the Unforgivable

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

When tragedy strikes, our instincts often turn toward anger, resentment, and the pursuit of vengeance. That is human nature. Yet, every so often, someone rises above those instincts and shows us a higher way — a path of grace that most of us cannot even imagine taking. Yesterday, Erika Kirk did exactly that.

Her husband's life was taken in an act of senseless violence. An assassin's cruelty left her with a wound so deep that many would carry it with bitterness for the rest of their days. For Erika, no one would have questioned such a response. To lose the person you love most to violence is a cruelty that defies comprehension. But instead of clinging to anger, Erika made a choice that was as astonishing as it was brave: she forgave her husband's killer.

As she walked on that stage in front of 60,000 people and millions more watching on television there to memorialize Charlie Kirk, including President Trump and Vice-President Vance, with her eyes full of tears, she stepped up to the bullet-proof glass podium and delivered one of the most powerful speeches I have ever heard.

I like many expected words of revenge, but instead we heard words of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is often spoken about in sermons and inspirational speeches, but rarely is it lived out in such a raw and public way. The world admires forgiveness in theory, yet when we are asked to practice it ourselves, especially in matters so grave, it feels nearly impossible. Erika showed us yesterday that it is not only possible, but powerful.

Her act of forgiveness was not about excusing the crime. It was not a dismissal of justice, nor was it a denial of her grief. Rather, it was a declaration that she would not let hatred define her future. By forgiving the one who shattered her life, Erika reclaimed her power. She chose not to live chained to bitterness but to walk forward with strength and peace. That decision — perhaps the hardest any of us could ever make — is the very essence of courage.

Forgiveness on this scale is not weakness. It is, in truth, one of the greatest strengths a human being can possess. Anyone can lash out in anger; anyone can demand vengeance. But to release anger, to let go of hatred, and to speak words of forgiveness in the wake of devastation — that requires a depth of character that is both rare and inspiring.

The significance of her decision is not limited to her own healing. By choosing forgiveness, Erika has extended hope to others who are carrying their own burdens of loss and resentment. She has shown that forgiveness is not only possible in unimaginable circumstances, but also life-giving. Her act stands as a quiet challenge to the rest of us: if she can forgive something so monumental, what grudges are we holding that suddenly seem smaller by comparison?

In a society that often glorifies retaliation and revenge, Erika's choice is countercultural. It is also deeply necessary. We live in a world where anger seems to dominate our public life, from political discourse to personal disputes. Erika has reminded us that there is another way of grace, mercy, and, above all, courage.

Maybe, just maybe, her speech and forgiveness will hit home to the next person so filled with rage they feel they need to commit murder or assassinate a political figure. Maybe as a nation we will realize forgiveness is a better trait than revenge. Maybe needless killings will stop. Maybe our leaders won't be so divided.

Her words will not erase her pain. They will not bring her husband back. The grief will remain, as it always does after such loss. But her forgiveness ensures that grief will not harden into hatred. It ensures that the rest of her life, though scarred, will not be consumed by bitterness. That is a gift she has given herself, and it is also a gift she has given us all.

Erika Kirk's decision to forgive the unforgivable is one of the most courageous acts we will witness in our lifetime. It was not the size of the crowd that mattered yesterday, but the size of her heart. And in that heart, we saw a glimpse of a strength far greater than anger — the strength to forgive.

# Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

The name "Ned Ludd" was quietly whispered from person to person throughout the central part of England beginning in the early 1800s. People would say, "We're going to meet up with Ned Ludd tonight at the Dew Droppe Inn." "Ned's got things planned, and so on." It was a coded message, and there was good reason for this secrecy. He was completely mythical; his followers were not. Known as the Luddites, they rose up against the giant textile mills and other mechanized factories who were destroying the livelihoods of spinners and weavers of wool.

For hundreds of years the men and women of this region had raised and tended their sheep, and then converted the raw wool into cloth. The profits from their labor had made it possible for them to move socially and financially upward from being medieval serfs to the lower middle class. But just as importantly, it gave them a sense of personal pride and the hope for a better life for their children.

But then came the steam engines that turned the giant spinning wheels and looms. To be sure, it made for greater productivity, but it soon threw hundreds and thousands of people out of work. Now, a handful of employees did all the work. Even worse, the owners and oligarchs made it impossible for the workers to unionize and petition for safer and better working conditions, or a living wage.

To cut to the chase, the Luddites began attacking the mills, destroying the steam engines and the automated equipment that turned out cloth. When that did not improve matters, the Luddites sacked the homes of the mill owners. The wave of violence began in Lancaster, spread to Yorkshire, and into Scotland. Parliament responded with the "Machine Breaking Act" which made damaging machinery a capital offense.

On the whole, economic conditions worsened and stayed that way for decades. A handful of upper middle-class people sided with the Luddites, and it was John Ruskin books and lectures which made some difference. Instead of buying machine made cloth or furniture, he urged people to buy handmade products.

The sharp division between machine and handmade goods has continued, and it has touched the American and world economy, as well. Every business contends with it. That includes the Wilcox newspapers. When newspapers first came to Allegan County, the type was set by hand. It was a true skill and art to select the letters, numbers, and dies, then place them into chase - backwards. Then, new machines, linotype, were invented to do the job. Printing presses were improved. Half a century ago editors began using "self-justifying typewriters" to prepare the columns which were then cut and pasted onto the grid. Today, most of this work is done with computers.

It is all far more efficient but gone are those skilled men and women who set the type, inked the plates, and worked the human powered press to make the newspaper. But with it, the human element is gone. Now, thanks to the internet, so is the human connection because reporters, layout employees, and the editor/owner can all work remotely. Even the way we receive the news has changed. When was the last time you saw a paperboy or girl trudging from house to house, a huge and heavy bag over their shoulders, to deliver the news? Many earned their first paycheck from that work, and more importantly, learned life lessons and work skills. That is gone today.

This month I saw some advertisements online for various Artificial Intelligence apps for amateur authors who want to become professionals. The truly spooky one showed a clean-cut fellow, broadly smiling as he said that the previous night he wrote a 300-page book from start to finish. I thought it was a sales pitch until I talked with a man this week who 'wrote' 20+ books last year. He admitted that AI was involved.

Those of us who are of a certain age might remember when teachers firmly instructed their students not to rely heavily on Wikipedia and avoid plagiarism at all costs. I think instructors just told them what to do - rely on Wikipedia instead of original sources and go ahead and copy everything.

Soon after came the new computer programs to expose the cheaters. I had an idea a student was using Wiki, ran the paper through the program, and whole paragraphs had been lifted to his paper. When I asked the student about it, and said I needed an explanation, he got defensive. I pressed a bit harder, and in a burst of anger roared, "I didn't cheat! My sister did write my paper for me!. If anyone cheated, it was her!"

But a three-hundred-page book, written in one night, letter perfect, all grammar and punctuation in order? Seriously? The 'author' didn't write much. He had some ideas, he know how to use this AI app, added a bit of creativity, but I seriously doubt he could type three hundred pages in one night.

Even if the three-hundred-page book was written in a single night, we probably have some serious questions about its quality.

For that reason we return to the English philosopher and writer, John Ruskin, who lived during the Industrial Revolution and railed against it. Instead of machine-made furniture or clothing, he suggested we would be happier if we could return to the age of the guilds. A young man apprenticed in one of the guilds, and in time and with sufficient aptitude became a journeyman who could travel anywhere in Europe and work. From there, he might have sufficient skill to become a master of his craft and open his own shop.

Instead of buying a chair that was piece work made with power tools, assembled in an assembly line by workers who knew how to do one task, we should seek out something that was made by one craftsman from start to finish. Instead of buying a woolen suit at a low price but turned out on a mechanical loom, we should buy the material and have a skilled tailor custom make (bespoke, as it is called in the rag tray. And to a group of industrialists in Manchester, he told them to stop buying 'old masters' from art dealers and buy new art from unknown artists.

I think he is right. If we don't seek out quality and handmade items, including books, than we will regress. The real challenge is the financial cost.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### USDA Farm to School Grants can change how children eat

Dear Editor:

The USDA's new Farm to School grants are more than just funding—they're a chance to transform how children eat and how they think about food. Imagine school cafeterias filled with fresh, local fruits and vegetables, offering meals that are vibrant, delicious, and entirely plant based.

This is about more than nutrition. It's about teaching kids that what's on their lunch tray can protect their health, safeguard our planet, and show compassion for animals—all at once. What better legacy could we give the next generation than the knowledge that food can be both kind and powerful?

Farm to School programs don't just connect classrooms to local farms; they can set the standard for what compassionate, sustainable eating looks like. If schools seize this moment, students will carry forward the lesson that every meal is a chance to make the world better. That's a change worth fighting for.

*Kurt Granger*

### Term limits, rank choice voting should be priorities

Dear Editor and U.S. Representative Bill Huizenga;

Thank you for your many years of service to the public, particularly to the citizens of Michigan. I realize and sympathize with (if only to imagine) your bittersweet decision to not run for further reelection. I would like to suggest that it may be quite refreshing for you to no longer shoulder the burden of seeking the pleasure and support of your many moneyed and/or embedded supporters as is reflected in your recent successes in holding your Republican seat. Maybe, with a step or two back, you could reflect on a broader, less narrowly focused vision. The America first vs party-position first, view of your influential situation; Beyond personal or Party priorities?

We, that is, our Country, appears at a crossroads to an extremely altered future. 250+ years is hardly the extent of the future envisioned by our Founders; Or my own. I still believe in the perpetuity of the social/political experiment as envisioned by those founders. Fits and starts, working always to improve; Our foundation remains true and strong if only we are to work our way through to the next best step for us all (& through out the globe, perhaps, in time…).

Please put into perspective some of those ideals you had for our Country and our future as you saw once you first ran and were elected to represent us. Write out those visions to your colleagues and constituents that could not be stated for fear of the cancel culture of our American reality of today.

Two modest personal proposals follow:

Priority to term-limits or hypocrisy to merely vent frustration? Term Limits

Better solutions are possible, rather than throwing out the good with the bad. Term-limits could allow for increasing hurdles rather than the hapless absurdity of absolute cut-offs.

Such as;

1.) Increased voter turn out requirements to maintain your position (expanding participation), or

2.) Increasing plurality of votes received to maintain a position (super-majorities).

Extended terms only for those who may earn them.

Thereby,

Focusing elections more toward stakeholders benefit and to the republic:

Electing a more properly motivated and capable political body!

Maybe politicians can be made to actually serve the republic (#1 above) and public (#2. above) rather than only themselves and their marketing company.

In parallel:

Rank Choice Voting, can serve to break the lock currently held by the duopoly.

A more sincere majority may win the elections. What a concept! Trash the hypocrisy and word-play of fair elections and help America stride forward with honest integrity of purpose toward country.

Not easy nor obvious maybe but, much more on-point and potentially beneficial?

Great experiment, from Michigan to the nation if effected!

*John F 'Ric' Curtis*

### Reader has complaints about fair

Dear Editor:

This is the first time I have attended the Allegan County Fair with a disabled person, and it was a disappointing experience.

I would like to start with Ladies Day, a wonderful program. They can accommodate someone in a wheelchair or an electric scooter, but after the program, how do you get to the fairgrounds? The trollies are wonderful, but not accessible by wheelchair. The hill is too steep to push a person up or down.

On Thursday, we attended Veterans Day, but there was no program for the veterans — although we did appreciate the bag of goodies and the free lunch. Maybe the fair board should bring people in from different veteran organizations, such as the American Legion, VFW, DAV, or even a service officer, to help veterans better understand and apply for the benefits available to them.

The games, rides, and barns are not open until noon or after, leaving not much to do. Off to bingo, where they had four seats for wheelchairs, and the caller was rude about a scooter being in the aisle. In the State of Michigan, a 100% disabled veteran can get into any state park for free, yet we felt left out by the fair that day.

Handicap parking was also just a cobbled mess, and with all the school buses loading and unloading, so was the entrance to the grounds. The sidewalk was too narrow, not allowing two people to pass, let alone a wheelchair, and the grandstand had a similar problem. Please consider adding family-style restrooms and/or some sort of wheelchair provisions.

*Kathy Garrett*

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# Day of Recovery celebrates determination and support

By Gari Voss

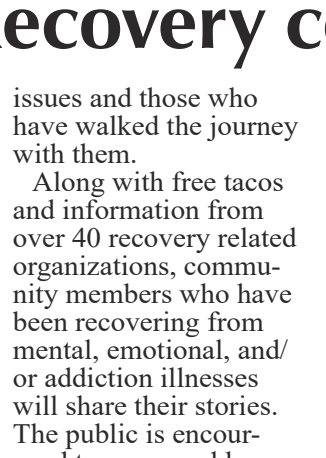
Free tacos and more return to celebrate the Day of Recovery on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 11am-4pm along the Allegan Riverfront. September is National Recovery Month, and OnPoint, Allegan County's behavioral healthcare provider, has stepped forward to organize an opportunity to celebrate those who have overcome tremendous behavioral health issues and those who have walked the journey with them.

Along with free tacos and information from over 40 recovery related organizations, community members who have been recovering from mental, emotional, and/or addiction illnesses will share their stories. The public is encouraged to come and learn about the challenges and successes related to recovery.

## Obituary

## Roxanne Mason, 70

Roxanne Mason passed away peacefully on September 17th, 2025, at the age of 70. A mother who spent the majority of her life as a dedicated nurse, she will be remembered for the kindness she showed to many. She is survived by her children: Amanda Ciluffo (49) of Grand Rapids, MI; Keith Mason (41) of Chicago, IL; and Karli Mason (36) and her husband Nick, of Boston, MA. She also leaves behind two grandchildren, ages three and three months. She is preceded in death by her parents, Rita and Allen Stegenga and her dear son, Luke Mason. In addition to her immediate family, Roxi had a close group of devoted friends whom she cherished. An avid animal lover, she was happiest spending time with the many pets she kept throughout her life, including several dogs, cats, and horses. She leaves behind her closest companion, her beloved dog, Charlie. The



**Roxanne Mason**

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Notice of Public hearing before the Overisel Township Appeal Board on Monday October 13, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Overisel Township Hall A-4307, 144th Avenue, Holland, MI 49423 to consider the following matter:

At the request by Jarvis Groenheide:
A Variance is being requested for more acreage than the current township ordinance allows. This allows the house to be built closer to the woods and further back on the property. This will allow the farmers to maximize the farmability of the property. Wile still keeping the required frontage on the roadway.

Written Comments will be received concerning these requests at the Overisel Township Office through 5pm the date of the hearing or may be emailed to the Overisel Township ZBA chairman at windegw@gmail.com.

Any other questions or concerns can be called into at the Overisel Township Office at
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## HOPKINS VILLAGE COUNCIL

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Hopkins Village Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 13, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, 128 Franklin Street, Hopkins, Allegan County, MI, 49328 as indicated below.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place to offer input for the consideration of the Hopkins Village Council. Questions, comments, and requests to view the petition may be directed to the Village Council at P.O. Box 337, Hopkins, MI, or by contacting the clerk at 269-793-7433.

1. A request from Derek Becker of 101 Vikings, LLC, owner of 101 West Main Street, also known as permanent parcel number 03-44-600-001-00, for a special use permit and related site plan review to establish an auto dealer and parts retailer within the C-1 Commercial Zoning District, per Section 9.04(h)

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Village of Hopkins will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days written notice to the Village Clerk at PO Box 337, Hopkins MI, 49328 or by phone at 269-793-7433.

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## LIVING WITH GRIEF

BY RONNIE EWING/ AFTERCARE SPECIALIST

LIVING WITH GRIEF, is a monthly column provided by GordenFuneral Residence. Each month LIVING WITH GRIEF will feature some helpful advice as you the reader move forward through your personal grieving process, or simply want to be educated to help those whom you may know have recently experienced a loss, or traumatic event.

**Question? Is it normal to experience grief or a sense of loss when an Actor, Musician, or some other Celebrity passes away or is murdered?**

**Answer: Yes!**

The reason behind this has a lot to do with how we experience a "connection". We all know the science behind binge watching a NetFlix mini-series. We relate to characters and picture ourselves in their situations. That's why ratings are so important in the entertainment industry. Recently our Nation was rocked with the loss of Charlie Kirk. In my mind he was the JFK or Martin Luther King Jr. of this Generation. He could've been in line for a future presidency, in my mind. But, like many voices of inspiration his will only be amplified by his death, and robbed to mature by an Assassin. We truly are living in a crazy time. But why so downcast my Soul? Because those of us who fight a good fight of Faith and making a difference in the world are connected in a like minded, same hearted body. It is wounded, parts get amputated, we mourn for one another. Likened to an Artist, connects to an Artist. Actors to Actors. And so on. We get lost in an imaginary world as we become our favorite Actors in our shows, or get lost in the world of Literature. We are emotional beings, its in our DNA. This is why it is perfectly normal to Grieve over those we don't even know personally, but our saddened by the loss. Hope you were able to relate and learn everyone in one way or another is a "Groupie" as we continue LIVING WITH GRIEF.

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# Golf Outing Supports Safe Harbor CAC

**By Stephanie Calhoun and Gari Voss**

**GEI Consultants raised $13K at the 4th Annual Golf Outing to Support Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center Designated Fund at the Allegan County Community Foundation. GEI Regional Manager Brad Parlato and ACCF Executive Director Stephanie Calhoun display the presentation check that will be added to the Safe Harbor ACCF account. Picture courtesy of GEI Consultants.**

GEI Consultants, a leading consulting engineering and environmental firm with a project command center in Plainwell, hosted its 4th Annual Kalamazoo River Clean-up Golf Outing at the LYNX Golf Course in Otsego. The event brought together GEI staff, vendors, and community partners for a day of camaraderie and impact, raising $13,000 to benefit the Safe Harbor Designated Fund at the Allegan County Community Foundation (ACCF).

"It was another incredible day for a great cause," said Brad Parlato, P.E., Regional Manager and Senior Vice President at GEI Consultants. "We were fortunate with the weather, enjoyed time with our vendors and partners, and most importantly, came together to make a difference. Supporting Safe Harbor through ACCF means providing critical resources to the children right here in Allegan County and the surrounding areas."

The Safe Harbor Designated Fund at ACCF provides unrestricted operational support to Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center. Safe Harbor provides education, intervention, and advocacy services to identify, prevent, and address child abuse and neglect.

"We couldn't be more pleased to continue our partnership with ACCF," Parlato added. "Supporting the Safe Harbor Designated Fund allows us to contribute directly to the safety and well-being of children in our community."

Stephanie Calhoun, President & CEO of ACCF, expressed her gratitude for GEI's continued commitment: "GEI's team is extraordinary, compassionate, community-minded, and committed. Over the past four years, their golf outings have contributed over $30,000 to help address needs in Allegan County. Their generosity is positively impacting Allegan County."

"We are deeply grateful to GEI for supporting child abuse prevention, intervention, treatment, and advocacy for our community's most vulnerable children," acknowledged Lori Antkoviak, Executive Director of Safe Harbor. "This funding will help us build a safer, stronger community where every child can thrive."

As GEI continues its work on the Kalamazoo River cleanup and other environmental initiatives, the company remains dedicated to strengthening the communities they serve. ACCF is proud to partner with GEI in supporting Safe Harbor and investing in the health, safety, and resilience of Allegan County.

The success of this fundraiser falls to the many sponsors who supported the event. Special thanks go to International Cover Systems, Inc., Geo-Solutions, Inc., Contractors Rental Corp (CRC), MarJo Construction Services, Inc., The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., Doug and Tami Dommert, JD Fields & Company, Inc., Job Site Services, Riverrun Solutions LLC, Milbocker and Sons, Inc., GEI Consultants, Envirocon, Inc., Waste Management, Allegan County Community Foundation, TriMedia Environmental, Republic Services, and Taplin Enterprises, LLC.

# Fish Fry continues to feed the hungry

**By Gari Voss**

Providing free hot meals every Thursday requires constant support from volunteers and funds to cover costs. The Congregational Kitchen in the First Congregational Church of Allegan began as a community ministry in 2006. The success has depended on the support of many who have been willing to give time, talent, and treasure even through COVID in 2020.

On Friday, September 26, 2025, the Congregational Kitchen will host a Fish Fry fundraiser from 4-7pm at the First Congregational Church at 323 Cutler Street in Allegan. People can dine in or carry out a lovely meal of fried cod and side dishes. The suggested donation is $15 a plate.

Members of the church and Allegan community began the ministry on October 5, 2006. Every Thursday, anyone can stop at the church and pick up a free meal. The goal continues to be to provide free, delicious meals to those who are hungry as a way of sharing a tangible expression of God's Love.

The meals have been so popular that the kitchen needed to seek food supplies from a variety of sources, thus, it established the Congregational Warehouse. Through the warehouse, the church could gather and store the required food and dry good inventory. This they did so well that they became a warehouse for other food pantries and meal programs in the Allegan area and beyond.

Add to the kitchen and warehouse the Backpack Program. Volunteers gather to pack "backpack" meals for students in the Allegan Public Schools who qualify for the free or reduced lunch program.

In order to continue providing hundreds of hot meals and backpack weekend meals, the Kitchen hosts a variety of events. This summer, the First Baptist Church offered their Disc Golf Course for Glow Disc Golf where participants could play after dark, and a free-will offering was accepted. The Fish Fry is just one of many events that assist the kitchen to continue their mission of feeding the hungry.

For additional information about the Fish Fry or the Congregational Kitchen, contact Carrie Lovett at 269 512-2214.


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# The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe opens Friday

**The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe opens at the Griswold Auditorium in Allegan on Friday, Sept. 26, 2025, at 7pm with additional shows Saturday, Sept. 27 at 2pm and 7pm, and Sunday, Sept. 28 at 2pm. Join Lucy (Theia Rhude), Edmund (Jay Joynes), Susan (Molleigh DeMann), and Peter (Xavier Paris) as they enter Narnia and assist the animals in defeating the White Witch. Photo: Amanda Adams**

**By Gari Voss**

Everyone is invited to enter the land of Narnia with Lucy, Edmund, Susan and Peter and meet the talking animals who work to end the eternal winter of the White Witch. Enjoy the bravery of the children and animals as they overcome each challenge. The script is a dramatization by Joseph Robinette from the book The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE…

Get your tickets to see the amazing production of The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe at https://alleganplayers.ludus.com/index.php or at the door! Performances are on Friday, September 26 at 7pm, Saturday, September 27 at 2pm and 7pm, and Sunday, September 28 at 2pm!

Adult beverages and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided by the Players at all shows with proceeds going to future productions.

# Allegan County household hazardous waste collection

**By Gari Voss**

Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator Heather Bausick reminds Allegan County residents that Saturday, October 4, 2025, will be the final Health Department Household Hazardous Waste collection for 2025. From 9am-Noon, residents can bring allowable waste and recycling to the Otsego Department of Public Works at 243 N. Farmer Street in Otsego. Individuals must bring a driver's license to show proof of residency.

**Acceptable items.**

Household Electronics: radios, CD players, answering machines, calculators, copiers/scanners/fax/printers, DVD players, VCRs, gaming units, iPod/MP3 Players, televisions (2 per vehicle), telephones/cell phones, various media (disks, CDs, etc.), and microwaves.

Hazardous Household Waste: oil-based paint, wood stain, cleaning products, paint thinner, adhesives, glues, weed killer, fertilizer, pest poisons, pool chemicals, antifreeze, deck sealer, auto fluids, fluorescent light bulbs & CFLs, mercury thermometers, batteries (not auto), and aerosol cans.

Computers & Accessories: APC battery back-ups, circuit boards, docking stations, power cords/cables, keyboards & mice, laptops, MACs, PCs, modems, monitors, speaker towers, internal & external disk drives, and servers & server racks.

**Unacceptable items.**

Latex paint, appliances/freon, tires, co-mingled/single stream recycling, trash, furniture, construction materials or yard waste, vacuums, barrels or drums, VHS/cassettes, hair dryer/curling irons, toasters/ovens, coffee makers, hot plates, kitchen devices, blenders, or can openers.

**Large Quantities**

If an individual or family plans on bringing a large quantity of items, Bausick requests that a message be sent to resourcerecovery@allegancounty.org or call 269 686-4559.

# Bike, Buggy & Quad Show arrives in Pullman

**By Gari Voss**

ReelPlay and Burton J. Canfield have joined to host the Gas It & Show It! Bike, Buggy, and Quad Show in Pullman, MI on Sunday, September 28, 2025, from 1-5pm. Everyone with a motorized vehicle is invited to join the family event at ReelPlay, 5581 109Th Ave., Pullman, MI,

The hosts state, "Bring your ride, shine it up, and show it off! Whether you roll on two wheels, four, or somewhere in between, this is your day to flex your pride and joy."

There will be a $10 registration for each vehicle, but admission is free for all spectators.

Awards will be given to the Best in Show with category prizes for stand-out rides. In addition, fun door prizes will be offered throughout the day. So, come and take home the trophy and bragging rights.

ReelPlay is a family-friendly atmosphere. There will be food and drinks offered onsite plus music and fun all afternoon for the show. Inside, ReelPlay will continue to offer the only Sober Bar in Allegan County with tons of games - arcade, pool, air hockey, board games, and more.

On Sunday, September 28th, riders are invited to "Rev it up, tell your crew, and let's pack the lot with horsepower and style!"

For additional information about Gas It & Show It!, Bike, Buggy & Quad Show contact Daniel at (269) 264-8769 or reelplaycenter@gmail.com.

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# PHS students recognize Suicide Prevention Month

September is Suicide Prevention Month.

And in recognition of that fact, students at Plainwell High School met at the flagpole before school on Monday, Sept. 22, and held a moment of silence.

This student-driven gathering provided a meaningful opportunity for students to unite, raise awareness and advocate for student mental health. (Photo provided)

Jason Smith (left) received a framed resolution from Otsego mayor Stacey Withee after Smith was named the 2025 Cyndi Trobeck Community Service Award. (Photo provided)

# Smith receives Cyndi Trobeck Service Award

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Everyone has the same 24 hours to use each day.

Some people, it seems, just find a way to fit more into that time.

One of those people is Otsego resident Jason Smith.

In addition to serving as youth paster at Friendship Wesleyan Church, Smith also serves as an Otsego City Commissioner. In addition, he volunteers at such local organizations as the Otsego Rotary Club, TOP (Together Otsego Prospers) and the Otsego Christmas Ministry.

Given the many ways in which he's involved in the community, Smith was named as the 2025 recipient of the Cyndi Trobeck Community Service Award.

Named after former Otsego mayor Cyndi Trobeck—who passed away in 2022 after battling a rare disease—the award is given each year to someone who best embodies Trobeck's community spirit.

"Jason has earned this award by his endless dedication to the Otsego community," Otsego City Manager Aaron Mitchell said. "Cyndi played a pivotal role in getting Jason engaged and would be ecstatic with this choice.

"Congrats Jason and thank you for all that you do."

Smith was selected by a panel that included Mitchell, past Cyndi Trobeck Community Award winners and leaders from non-profits such as the Otsego Rotary, TOP and the Chamber of Commerce.

"Jason is so much like Cyndi it is scary at times," Mitchell said. "He is constantly giving his time wherever it is needed. It is also why he was an easy selection of the award."

Smith was recognized at the Otsego Commission meeting on Monday, Sept. 15, at which time Otsego mayor Stacey Withee presented him with framed resolution detailing the award.

The resolution read as follows:

"WHEREAS, Cyndi Trobeck displayed a life of community service through multiple agencies and in many roles across the City of Otsego, and

"WHEREAS, with hopes of honoring Cyndi's legacy and extend a deep appreciation for all community service volunteers within the City of Otsego, the Cyndi Trobeck Community Service Award is awarded to the individual who best embodies Cyndi's dedication to community with service above self, and

"WHEREAS, in coordination with local volunteering agencies (Rotary, Otsego-Plainwell Chamber of Commerce, TOP), this year's winner is Jason Smith, and

"WHEREAS, Jason Smith serves his community as the Youth Pastor at Friendship-Wesleyan Church where he does God's work capturing the hearts and souls of our youth along with directing the City of Otsego as a City Commissioner, and

"WHEREAS, Jason pours his heart out for the community in many roles through many local organizations including the Otsego Rotary Club, TOP and the Otsego Christmas Ministry along with volunteering in any and all opportunities, and

"WHEREAS, Jason is the first to celebrate others and the community but rarely seek adulation for his own work, and

"WHEREAS, Jason was one of Cyndi Trobeck's favorite people and Jason possesses many of Cyndi's attributes in community service, and

"NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Otsego, as an expression of thanks on behalf of the citizens of this City, commend Jason Smith for his continuous and extraordinary service to the City of Otsego through community service; and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread in full on the minutes of the September 15, 2025, meeting of the Otsego City Commission and a plaque commemorating the occasion is presented to Jason Smith."

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# Clippers cruise to win in battle of ranked teams

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

GOBLES—The past two seasons, the Martin football team has dropped its regular-season showdown with Gobles, falling 53-16 in 2023 and 20-14 last year.

And while the Clippers were able to avenge both of those losses in the postseason, Martin coach Brad Blauvelt didn't want to see his team drop a third straight to the Tigers in the regular season.

As it turned out, Blauvelt had nothing to worry about, as the Clippers took control early and never took their foot off the gas pedal in claiming the 52-6 victory.

Each team had entered the game at 3-0. Martin has now outscored its opponents 217-48.

"We dominated at the line of scrimmage, which we knew it was possible when we watched them on film," Blauvelt said.

Not that Blauvelt wants his team to get over confident from the win.

"We will see them again in the playoffs," he said of Gobles. "So while this win was nice, we will have to have an equally strong performance at some point in the postseason."

Senior quarterback Haylen Buell accounted for 174 yards of total offense and had a hand in four touchdowns. He also had a team-high 14 tackles to go with an interception and forced fumble defensively.

"Haylen's a dude," Blauvelt said. "He really stood out on both sides of the ball."

Three of Buell's touchdowns came on the ground, as he ran for 84 yards on 18 carries. He also went 4-of-5 passing for 90 yards and a touchdown pass to Weson Elkins.

Elkins finished with two receptions for 41 yards.

Zaiden Buell (84 yards on eight carries) and Bryer Watson (seven yards on three carries) each added a rushing touchdown.

Martin QB Haylen Buell hands off the ball in a recent game. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Seth Toris, meanwhile, racked up a game-high 121 yards on nine carries.

"Seth ran the ball well," Blauvelt said.

Defensively for the Clippers, Isaac Suk added nine tackles, followed by six from Anderson Keeler, five from Toris and four from Hart Branch. Keeler also had a fumble recovery, while Branch intercepted a pair of passes.

"Our defensive line played exceptionally well and Anderson Keeler played maybe his best game on both sides of the ball," Blauvelt said.

# Allegan boys tennis team hosts stacked tourney

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

For the record, Allegan was not hosting the Division 4 Boys Tennis State Finals on Saturday, Sept. 20.

But based on the level of talent on hand at the Gary Ellis Courts, it had the feel of a mini Finals.

Five of the top-10-ranked teams in D4 were included in the 8-team field of the Tiger Invitational, meaning there was a high caliber of tennis played throughout the day.

And when all was said and done, the Tigers—ranked eighth in D4—placed third with 41 points, following second-ranked Jackson Lumen Christi (52 points) and Division 3 Ludington (48 points).

No. 6 Paw Paw was fourth with 35 points, No. 10 Lansing Catholic was fifth with 34 points and No. 9 Whitehall was sixth with 32 points. Calvin Christian (seventh with 27 points) and Goodrich (eighth with 23 points) rounded out the standings.

"We had a really strong showing with a very deep tournament," Allegan coach Damien Arthur said. "And a few of our flights got some revenge on other teams that we'd lost to earlier in the year, so that was good."

While Allegan didn't have any flight champions, the Tigers did have a pair of runners-up.

No. 2 singles Ezra Smith beat Calvin Christian (6-1, 6-0) and Lumen Christi (6-4, 7-5) before falling to Ludington (6-1, 6-1). The No. 3 doubles team of Gage Mashburn/Charlie Morris, meanwhile, bested Goodrich (6-0, 6-0) and Lansing Catholic (6-2, 6-2) and fell to Lumen Christi (6-2, 6-0).

Three other flights—No. 1 singles Silas Neldon, No. 4 singles John DeLaet and No. 4 doubles Noah Willett/Sully Morgan—finished fourth for Allegan.

No. 3 singles Carson Woodhams and No. 1 doubles Noah Kuebler/Ian Gaulke placed fifth, while No. 2 doubles Wesley Goodspeed/Oliver Burnett placed sixth.

"At the end of the day, we came away with a third-place finish, rising to the occasion against some great teams," Arthur said.

Earlier in the week, the Tigers tied Kalamazoo Christian 4-4 (Thursday, Sept. 18) and beat Hackett 5-3 (Tuesday, Sept. 16.

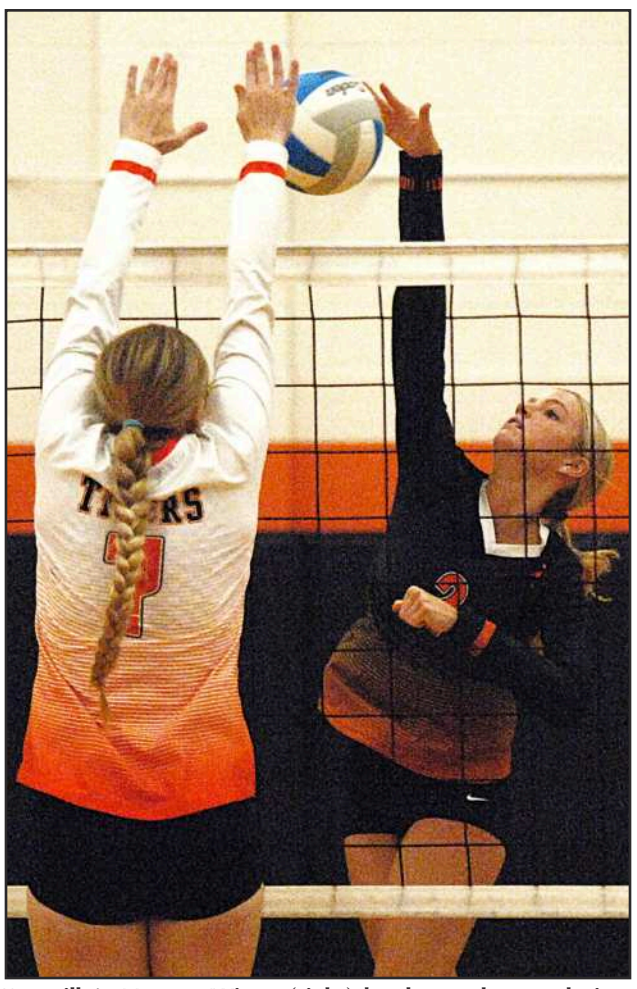
Against Kalamazoo Christian, Allegan got singles wins from No. 1 Neldon (3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5)) and No. 2 Smith (6-1, 6-1). Winning doubles matches for the Tigers were No. 1 Kuebler/Gaulke (7-6 (4), 6-3) and No. 2 Burnett/Goodspeed (7-5, 6-4).

Neldon had to fight off three match points to secure his win, which allowed the Tigers to salvage the split.

In the Hackett match, Allegan wins went to No. 1 singles Neldon (6-3, 6-4), No. 2 singles Smith (6-2, 7-5), No. 3 singles Woodhams (2-6, 6-2, 6-2), No. 1 doubles Kuebler/Gaulke (6-2, 6-1) and No. 2 Burnett/Goodspeed (6-2, 6-0).

"Whenever we are matched up with the Irish, you can always expect a competitive dual and this was no exception," Arthur said.

# Fennville posts victory over visiting Allegan


Fennville's Marynn Winne (right) battles at the net during the Allegan match. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

FENNVILLE—After besting Allegan 26-24 in the first set of a SAC match on Tuesday, Sept. 16, the Fennville volleyball team went up 10-0 in set two and seemed to be in control.

But back stormed the Tigers, regrouping to take the set 25-21 in comeback fashion.

Did the Blackhawks allow Allegan to carry that momentum into the rest of the match? In a word, no.

Fennville bounced back to wins sets three and four by respective scores of 25-22 and 25-23 to secure the match.

"This was our first divisional match and it was a good win for our girls," Fennville coach Rebecca Hughes said.

Top players for Fennville included MacKenzie McIlwain (25 assists, 11 digs, 10 aces and eight kills), Lily Achterhof (31 digs and 10 kills), Atiyah Chambers (eight kills and three blocks) and Ceeley Howard (12 digs, four kills and three aces).

For Allegan Aubrey Fulton had 22 assists, Mya Corbett had 21 digs, Camdyn Drozd had eight kills and Addy Fales had six aces.

"We put up a strong fight against Fennville, playing competitive sets and even battling back from a thirteen-point deficit to win the second set," Allegan coach Mandy Matthews said. "Despite several players pushing through illness, the team showed grit and determination, making Fennville work for every point."

Four days later, the Blackhawks hosted the first-ever Fennville Invitational.

And in the 16-team field, Fennville placed second after winning their pool by beating Lawrence (25-11, 25-5) and Covert (25-8, 25-9) and splitting with Bloomingdale (24-25, 25-19).

The Blackhawks beat Holland in the quarterfinals (25-18, 19-25, 15-6) and Grand Rapids Sacred Heart Academy in the semis (25-16, 21-25, 15-1s) before suffering a 25-12, 26-24 loss to Potter's House Christian in the finals.

Achterhof (27 aces, 26 kills, 32 digs), McIlwain (62 assists, 32 digs, 14 aces, eight kills), Howard (25 digs, 16 kills, 11 aces), Atiyah Chambers (27 kills, 10 blocks), Elena Reyes (33 digs, 13 aces) and Marynn Winne (26 digs, 16 aces, nine kills) were among the standouts for Fennville.

Allegan, meanwhile, returned to the court against Gobles on Thursday, Sept. 18, and earned the 25-13, 25-11, 25-20 win.

Fales set the tone early, serving up 16 straight points to take Allegan's score from five points to 21 points.

"We showed great energy and discipline, covering the court, attacking aggressively and forcing Gobles into mistakes," Matthews said. "The players looked locked in from start to finish, playing with confidence and mental toughness throughout the match."

Fulton had eights aces, while Drozd had six kills.

# Saugatuck boys, girls shine at P-W Invite

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

WESTPHALIA—Saugatuck junior cross country standout Grant Rehkopf turned in quite the performance at the Pewamo-Westphalia Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Rehkopf's time of 16:22 was not only good enough for a new personal record, but it also gave him the first individual victory of his high school career, as he finished 16 seconds ahead of runner-up John Kowatch from host P-W.

The effort from Rehkopf helped propel the Trailblazers—ranked second in Division 3—to second place in the team standings behind fifth-ranked Lansing Catholic.

Saugatuck finished with 51 points, compared to 45 for Lansing Catholic.

Saugatuck coach Rick Bauer was understandably pleased with what he saw from Rehkopf.

"Grant ran the best race of his career," Bauer said. "He took a giant step towards becoming the runner we always knew he was capable of being. I'm not sure he had the confidence in the past to take the lead in a big race.

"I look forward to seeing his development this season."

As for the team performance, Bauer was also pleased. But …

"Hats off to Lansing Catholic," he said. "We had them beat at the halfway point and with 400 (meters) to go we were still winning. We just didn't close.

"A lot of that was (Lansing Catholic) stuck to their race plan and didn't panic. We got too excited, went out over our heads and paid for it in the later stages of the race."

Bauer believes this race will serve as a good learning experience for his runners and help them in races later this season.

"I always believe you can learn more from losing than winning," he said. "I think that had we won, we would have rewarded bad behavior and would make those same mistakes when the stakes are higher."

Fellow juniors Sawyer Monroe and Marcus Silva joined Rehkopf in breaking the 17:00-minute barrier, as Monroe was ninth at 16:54 and Silva was 11th at 16:59.

Sophomores Jackson Bowman (14th at 17:04) and Ira Brown (16th at 17:06) rounded out Saugatuck's list of scoring runners.

"We had a tough pack behind Grant," Bauer said.

The Saugatuck girls, meanwhile, entered the race ranked second in Division 3. Top-ranked Lansing Catholic and No. 3 P-W were also in the field.

The Trailblazers ended up in third place with 80 points, following winner Lansing Catholic (33 points) and runner-up P-W (53).

"The girls ran well," said Bauer, whose wife Angelina is the head coach of the girls team. "We just have been dealing with illness. Every girl on the team is either getting over something or was sick.

"But it was good to see them fight even though I could tell they were not 100 percent."

Junior Kamryn Sixberry paced Saugatuck with a seventh-place finish, turning in a personal-record time of 19:16.

Senior Alina Martinson was 10th in 20:01, followed by strong runs from junior Lyvia Curtis (19th at 20:50), senior Savannah VanDenBerg (20th at 20:52) and freshman Ellyse Heyser (24th at 21:17).

Saugatuck's Grant Rehkopf placed first at the Pewamo-Westphalia Invitational. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

**Haylen Buell**
Martin
Football

Martin senior Haylen Buell led the Martin football team to a decisive 52-6 win over Gobles in a battle of top-5 teams in 8-Player Division 1.

Buell had a hand in four touchdowns, rushing for three and throwing for one from his quarterback position.

Defensively, he racked up a team-best 14 tackles and forced a fumble.

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# Football Results:

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

**Allegan 10 K-zoo United 48**

Sometimes the final score doesn't tell the whole story of a game.

Allegan football coach Tony Danzig believes his team's game with Kalamazoo United on Friday, Sept. 19, falls into that category.

Because even though the Tigers lost the game 48-10 to fall to 1-3, Danzig saw plenty of positives.

"We played physical football from the beginning to the end," Danzig said. "We made our fair share of mistakes, but the scoreboard does not tell everything."

Brody McDade accounted for Allegan's lone touchdown with an 85-yard kickoff return. Myles Jackson made good on the extra point in addition to connecting on a 35-yard field goal.

Brandon Thrash led the Tigers with 132 yards on 18 carries, while Dylan Ritsema had a team-best 10 tackles. Hauk Henrickson and Aiden Moyer added seven and six tackles, respectively.

"We need to detail it up the rest of the season," Danzig said.

**Fennville 6 Bridgman 66**

In the second quarter of Fennville's contest with Bridgman on Friday, Sept. 19, Ashton Halcomb hauled in a 45-yard touchdown from Carter Thompson.

Those proved to be the only points the Blackhawks would score, as they fell 66-6 to drop to 2-2 for the season.

Thompson finished 7-for-11 with 155 yards. Zay Peoples (59 yards) and Ely Schut (23 yards) each had two catches, while Halcomb joined Isiah Souders (23 yards) and Trinity Solis (five yards) with one catch each.

Schut and Ethan Rosencrans led the Fennville defense with 3.5 tackles each. Halcomb added three tackles.

**Hopkins 16 Godwin Heights 26**

Hopkins saw its record slip to 2-2 with a 26-16 loss to Godwin Heights on Friday, Sept. 19.

Justin VanWagner accounted for both touchdowns scored by the Vikings. He found the end zone on a 5-yard run in the second quarter and on a 2-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Merek Zapolnik had a successful conversion run after VanWagner's first TD.

Hopkins' other two points came on a first-quarter safety from Jaxson Koperski.

VanWagner led the Vikings with 84 yards on 22 carries, while Zapolnik added 42 yards on 10 carries. Zapolnik also went 3-of-6 passing for 45 yards.

Parker Warners (29 yards), Blake Hyma (14 yards) and Blake Schwartz (two yards) each had one reception.

Henry Teunissen had eight tackles in the loss, while Austin Schaendorf had an interception.

**Otsego 27 Niles 57**

It was a record-setting game for Otsego when the Bulldogs took on Niles on Friday, Sept. 19.

Blake Mathieu hooked up with Zeke Andrina for an 87-yard touchdown, marking the longest TD pass in school history.

Unfortunately for Otsego, that wasn't enough to prevent Niles from picking up the 57-27 win.

Mathieu finished with 297 passing yards and three touchdowns. Chris Weirick had a 22-yard TD reception and a 28-yard rushing touchdown, while Ty Oaks caught the first play from offense for a touchdown of 83 yards.

"We played extremely well for three quarters, but made three or four costly mistakes," Otsego coach Damien Ross said. "You can't do against good teams, especially ones that can go to Ford Field.

"We are understanding the process and we have to keep focusing on the process and the results will come."

Allegan players huddle up during a timeout in a recent game. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

# Allegan girls swim & dive drops meet to South Haven

SOUTH HAVEN—The Allegan girls swim & dive team traveled to South Haven on Tuesday, Sept. 16, with the Rams coming out on top, 98–54.

Despite the team score, the Tigers turned in several standout performances.

Individual event winners for Allegan included Zoey Hammer in the 100 backstroke (1:19.49), Eliza DeLaet in the 50 freestyle (26.72) and Annabell Roden in diving (165.7).

The 400 freestyle relay team of DeLaet, Grace Kelley, Odessa Barnhart and Hammer also captured first place at 4:23.34.

Allegan also had strong runner-up finishes, with Kelley in the 200 freestyle (2:22.31), Kyrstin Herren in diving (112.6) and DeLaet (1:06.69) in the 100 butterfly. The medley relay team of Ella Penrod, Barnhart, Hammer and Annabell Roden also claimed second place at 2:33.22.

"We continue to show progress with each meet, fueled by the girls' hard work and supportive team culture," Allegan coach Carol Gephart said. "The athletes encourage one another daily, both in practice and competition, helping everyone improve and grow stronger together."

# Fennville soccer posts two victories

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

FENNVILLE—Chava Carranza and Ethan Coffindaffer led an offensive onslaught for Fennville in its home game against Bridgman on Monday, Sept. 22.

Carranza and Coffindaffer each scored twice as the Blackhawks posted the 8-0 win in a game that was stopped early due to the mercy rule.

Angel Villalobos and Alex Salinas each had one goal and one assist, while Oswaldo Lopez and Chris Davie added one goal each.

Jose Fernandez, Giovanni Herrera and Jared Delgado each chipped in with an assist.

Dereck Arredondo made two saves in goal for the shutout.

On Wednesday, Sept. 17, Fennville got one goal and one assist each from Villalobos, Salinas and Coffindaffer on the way to a 7-0 victory over Bangor.

Josue Bahena, Jorge Espino, Davie and Jose Chino Alonso contributed one goal apiece. Carranza, Delgado and Alexis Gallegos helped out with one assist each.

# Saugatuck soccer wins pair of games

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SAUGATUCK—Goals were tough to come by when the Saugatuck boys soccer team hosted Potter's House Christian on Monday, Sept. 22.

Neither team was able to score in the opening half before Trailblazer Charlie Robison found the back of the net in the second half to lift Saugatuck to the 1-0 victory.

The win upped Saugatuck's record to 9-2-2.

Dante Holley was credited with the assist.

Henry Gannon faced six shots in goal and stopped all of them for the shutout.

Scoring wasn't an issue for Saugatuck in its home contest with Watervliet on Wednesday, Sept. 17, as the Trailblazers prevailed 7-0.

Four of those goals came in the first half, as Saugatuck took control early.

Holley had a hand is five goals, as he scored two and assisted on three others. Tommy Bullinger had one goal and one assist.

Robison, Gannon, Chase Seeley and Grady Palmer chipped in with one goal each, while Ben Maxwell and Justin Crawford each had one assist.

# Saugatuck volleyball suffers two losses

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SAUGATUCK—The volleyball match between Saugatuck and Lawton on Thursday, Sept. 18, started well enough for the host Trailblazers.

Saugatuck took the opening set 25-20.

Unfortunately for the Trailblazers, they weren't able to sustain that momentum and dropped the next three sets to suffer the 20-25, 25-23, 25-21, 25-15 loss.

"We came out strong against a tough Lawton team, but just couldn't close it out," Saugatuck coach Christina Lewis said.

Natalia Laskowski led Saugatuck in kills with eight and digs with 20. Gabbie Cochran served up five aces, while Jocelyn Johnson added four.

Johnson and Emma Gosler added five kills each, with Johnson also finishing with two blocks.

Penny Grob was second on the team with 11 digs.

Two days earlier, Saugatuck was up two sets to one against host Gobles before dropping the final two sets to drop the match 16-25, 25-12, 17-25, 25-22, 18-16.

"It was a heartbreaker," Lewis said. "The girls played great. We just made a few key mistakes at critical moments.

"But I'm proud of the way the girls battle back many times."

Grob and Cochran tied for team-high honors with 25 digs. Grob matched Laskowski with a team-best four aces.

Laskowski and Ashtyn O'Neill each had five kills.

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# Plainwell cross country teams perform well at Bangor

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

BANGOR—The boys cross country teams from Plainwell and Paw Paw had quite the battle for the top spot at the Bangor Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 20.

And despite putting all five of their scoring runners in the top 20 of the 13-team field, the Trojans fell short by three points and finished as runners-up with 50 points.

Kalamazoo Homeschool was third with 101 points, while Allegan placed fourth with 109 points.

"Overall, I think the team ran well today," Plainwell coach Scott Evans said. "I was hoping for more (personal records) with the morning race, but it got warmer quicker than expected, so that limited the runners from having a better day."

Paw Paw's first two runners—Christopher Vogt (16:47) and Landon Lindsay (17:05)—finished second and third, respectively. Plainwell's Trent Hansen (17:08) and Hiro Nguyen (17:11) were close behind with respective finishes or fourth and fifth.

Plainwell also had the 15th (Jack Sherer at 18:30), 18th (Joseph Hoffman at 18:59) and 19th (William Justice at 19:08) finishers to round out its scoring runners.

Paw Paw's other three scoring runners placed eighth, 14th and 30th.

"Paw Paw ran well," Evans said. "I think that ours guys let a couple of their guys go early and tried to catch up at the end, but just ran out of time."

Still, Evans was pleased with what he saw from his team and believes the performance will be a solid building block for the rest of the season.

"I did see a lot of fight within the team, so I'm excited to see what happens as we get into the last part of September and the early part of October," he said.

Allegan, meanwhile, got a sixth-place effort from Kellen Chalupa of 17:28 to lead the way.

Thomas Sigler was next for the Tigers, placing 12th at 18:24, followed by Loghan Murphy (25th at 19:26), Cooper Prentice (35th at 19:57) and Brandon Becker (47th at 21:16).

The Plainwell girls, meanwhile, cruised to first-place honors with 33 points. Allegan placed sixth with 124 points.

Mai Nguyen led the Trojans with a runner-up showing of 19:45. Fiona Ryan (fourth at 21:00), Molly Bruggink (fifth at 21:47), Gwen Todd (ninth at 22:499) and Brooke Carpenter (13th at 23:34) also scored for Plainwell.

Jayden VandenAkker was third for Allegan with a time of 20:56.

Plainwell's Mai Nguyen placed second at the Bangor Invitational. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Plainwell's Trent Hansen (left) and Hiro Nguyen (center) and Allegan's Kellen Chalupa (right) compete at the Bangor Invitational. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

# Clippers bounce back from tough loss to beat Parchment

Martin posted a straight-sets win over Parchment on Thursday, Sept. 18. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MARTIN—Following a tough straight-sets loss to Delton two days earlier, the Martin volleyball team were hoping to get back on the winning track on Thursday, Sept. 18, against visiting Parchment.

The Clippers did just that, besting the Panthers 25-14, 25-14, 25-16.

"We played good volleyball all around," Martin coach Shannon Goddard said. "Our serving, defense and hitting were back where we know we can be. As a team, we put it back together and each girl was working hard to help the team."

Kendra Goddard paced the Clippers with 30 digs and six aces, while Mackenzie Schwartz, Maggie Jager and Anna Jager each had six kills. Schwartz and Anna Jager added five and four aces, respectively.

Torryn Harris ended with 21 assists.

In the Delton match, Kendra Goddard and Anna Jager each had 16 digs. Harris had 11 assists, with Schwartz and Marybeth Ritchie going for five kills each.

"Delton was tough," Shannon Goddard said. "They played good defense, had multiple good hitters that we had a hard time defending and their energy was high. We struggled to match that."

# Trailblazers set school rushing record in losing effort

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SAUGATUCK—Are you a fan of offense?

If so, you would have loved the SAC football game between host Saugatuck and visiting Coloma on Friday, Sept. 19.

The team combined for more than 100 points and more than 1,100 yards of total offense, with Saugatuck setting a new school record with 601 rushing yards.

But that record was somewhat bittersweet for the Trailblazers, as they dropped the game 60-42.

Saugatuck's Max Page ran for 292 yards to lead the Trailblazers to a school-record 601 rushing yards as a team. (Photo by Scott Sullivan)

"A credit to the kids for not giving up and playing four quarters of football," Saugatuck coach Bill Dunn said. "We ended up having three critical turnovers, and that was the difference in the game. You just cannot do that against a good team in a tight game."

The 601 rushing yards by Saugatuck ranks seventh all time in Michigan High School Athletic Association history.

Max Page spearheaded that ground assault, racking up 292 rushing yards on 31 carries for an average of 9.4 yards per carry. Three of those carries resulted in touchdowns, as he found the end zone in the first (10 yards) third (50 yards) and fourth (16 yards) quarters.

Two other Trailblazers joined Page with more than 100 rushing yards.

Mason Leslie had 156 yards on 14 carries (11.1 yards per carry), while Will Soule had 121 yards on 15 carries (8.1 yards per carry).

Leslie had a pair of TD runs (61 yards in the third quarter and 16 yards in the fourth quarter) and Soule scored on a 1-yard run in the opening quarter.

"The offensive line is progressing well and executing at an efficient level," Dunn said.

Saugatuck quarterback Walt Bos added 28 yards on three carries to go with four passing yards on 1-of-2 accuracy. Page had the team's lone reception.

Saugatuck trailed just 16-14 after the first quarter, but found itself down 32-14 at halftime. Each team scored 12 points in the third quarter and 16 points in the fourth quarter.

"We had opportunities to turn the tables in our favor," Dunn said. "But to Coloma's credit, they made plays in critical moments."

Dante Holley was 2-for-2 on extra-point kicks, while Soule and Page each had a successful conversion run.

Soule paced the Saugatuck defense with 8.5 tackles. Leslie added five tackles, followed by Page with 4.5 and Sam Bos with four.

# Allegan soccer falls to Buchanan

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Sawyer Wedge scored one goal and assisted on another for the Allegan soccer team when the Tigers hosted Buchanan on Monday, Sept. 22.

Unfortunately for Allegan, that wasn't quite enough to translate into a win as Buchanan earned the 3-2 victory.

Wedge scored off an a throw-in from LJ Dial, while Colby Bishop scored on a cross from Wedge.

"We controlled the ball a lot more than the Buchanan, but it just wasn't our night," Allegan coach Andy Bishop said. "Buchanan did their job keeping the ball out of their net more than us. The ball didn't bounce in our way tonight."

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# Archers chosen for deer hunt at Laketown Township park

Under the watchful stares of mounted deer heads and a sign that states, “Hardware stores are candy stores for adults,” Mike Wolters of Graafschap Hardware pulled the first name for this season’s annual Laketown Township Archery Deer Hunting Program.

A total of 14 people were drawn at the historic hardware store, 4578 60th St., on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025. Each applicant got one of the 15 spots open for five different time periods from Oct. 1 through Nov. 14 and Dec. 1 through Jan. 1, 2026.

Hunters were notified by email and should stop by the Laketown Township office, 4338 Beeline Road, any time starting Monday, Sept. 22, to sign a waiver and pick up the hunting packet.

“Good luck and shoot straight,” Brett Grams who organized the 17th annual hunt for the township told the archery hunters in their notification email.

Dates and hunters are:

Oct. 1-14: William Boetcher, Edward Watson and Chris Nyland

Oct. 15-28: Deil Woodwyk, Caleb Bieske, Jeff Nyland

Oct. 29-Nov. 14: Joe Sikma, Joshua Bowman, Brent Lamberts

Dec. 1-16 : Owen Kamphuis, Phil Kamphuis, James Lundy

Dec. 17-31: Tammi Hamm, Steve Hamm

Hunters are required to fill out a questionnaire after the season. Failure to do so will disqualify the hunter from future permits.

The park property will remain open for hiking, fishing and other recreational activities during hunting times. Signs will be in place in the parking area notifying people that hunting is underway.

The hunting program began in 2008.

In 2024, one hunter was successful in getting a deer.

In 2023, four hunters reported bagging deer.

In 2022, two hunters reported getting deer.

Follow Laketown Township on Facebook, Instagram and Threads.

Brett Grams, right, of Laketown Township records the dates for hunters on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025, for the 2025 Laketown Township Archery Deer Hunting Program. Mike Wolters, left, of Graafschap Hardware looks on. Names were drawn at the hardware store, 4578 60th St.

# Faces in the Crowd

**By G C Stoppel**

Recently, the state of Florida terminated most vaccine mandates for Covid-19, measles, mumps, other childhood illnesses, and polio. Vaccines are still available but not required. The question for this week: Would this be a good thing for Michigan?

-Woman near the hardware store in Fennville: “No! Are you nuts? You ARE nuts! That stupid decision will kill thousands.”

-Couple, same location; Man: “Sometimes it seems like government over-reach, until you realize we’re all in this together, and when it comes to health and safety, sometimes mandates supersede anything else. I’m all for the mandates.” Woman: “I agree. It is the only way to stop some diseases.”

-Man near the grocery store in Fennville: “The governor down there doesn’t want to make anyone get a polio shot. It’ll cost a fortune to pay for all those iron lungs, to say nothing about ruined lives! What’s next, make smallpox shots an option, too?”

-Couple near the Blue Goose; Man: “If you believe in state’s rights the way I do, then it’s the right thing. Let the states decide, and the people should get decide for themselves.” Woman, standing behind him out of eyesight, uses her index finger to draw circles over her right ear.

-Young woman and children in front of the Allegan Public Library: “Of course I want my kids vaccinated. And I want other children vaccinated against Covid, measles, mumps, and all the others. I don’t know why anyone would think otherwise.”

-Woman, same location: “I know our grandchildren want to go to down to Disney, but we’re not going now. We used to take them every year or so. But I’m not going to be responsible for them getting sick because of the anti-vaxxers.” Pauses, winks, and laughs: “Besides, it is too expensive nowadays. Best excuse we’ve got to get out of spending that sort of money!” Laughs again.

-Couple near Allegan City Hall; Woman: “Our preacher, and he’s a real man of God with powerful sermons, he’s against vaccines. He says that anyone who gets one is showing a a lack of faith in God when you get those shots. If you have enough faith, God looks after you.” Man: “Jesus heals, and Jesus protect us. You gotta believe in the Lord or you’ll perish for all eternity.”

-Man near the Post Office: “I’m right behind our President on everything. You listen carefully to what he and Kennedy are saying. They’re not opposed to most vaccines, but they believe you and I have the right to decide what goes into our bodies. It’s our choice, and I like that - a lot. I’ll do what I think is best for me, and you do the same for you.”

-Woman, same location: “I think there is so much talk and talk and talk, and most of it is nothing more than politics. Why in the world can’t everyone just stick to real science and leave all the politics out of it? It makes it just about impossible to know what to believe. Or who?”

-Woman friend with her: “And the President, he keeps changing his mind all the time. He’s as confused as Biden. I trust my doctor more than all the politicians in both parties put together.”

-Man in front of the Allegan newspaper office: “I think what people are forgetting is our moral responsibility to care for each other. That’s what Jesus taught when he said to love one another. That is what all of the best and wisest people have taught! If me taking a vaccine might help keep a neighbor safe, then getting a vaccine is the right thing to do. Let’s stop talking politics and talk about caring for other people.”

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# Otsego Creative Arts Festival scheduled for Sept. 27

**By Jason Wesseldyk**
**Sports Editor**

Since its inception nearly four decades ago, the Creative Art Festival has become an autumn tradition in downtown Otsego.

That tradition will continue on Saturday, Sept. 27, as the festival celebrates its 38th year of existence from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Clarissa McDonald serves as chairman of the Creative Arts Festival Committee and is Board Director for the Otsego Plainwell Area Chamber

“The Otsego Creative Arts Festival is highly anticipated and well attended each year,” McDonald said. “This event is a wonderful way to bring our community together and celebrate local talent, businesses and traditions.”

Described as a “celebration bringing the community together in downtown Otsego,” the festival is, as always, free and family friendly.

“The Otsego Creative Arts Festival has been a beloved tradition for nearly four decades, offering something for all ages and interests,” organizers said in a release.

The Creative Arts Festival parade and pet parade are once again among the highlights of the event, with the parades scheduled to step off at 12:45 p.m. and run along M-89 in downtown Otsego.

Recently retired Otsego Public School superintendent Jeff Haase will serve as grand marshal for the parade.

Registration for the pet parade is from 11:30 a.m. to noon, with judging taking place at noon. Prizes will be awarded for best costume, most unique pet and cutest pet.

Those wishing to participate in the car show can do so between 8 and 11 a.m. Cost is $20 and the first 100 vehicles will receive a welcome bag and dash plaque.

In addition, there will also be an antique tractor show and motorcycle show. Awards for the car, antique tractor and motorcycle shows are scheduled for 3 p.m.

Children’s activities include the Friendship Family Festival hosted at First Baptist Church from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. with games, inflatables and a free lunch.

There will also be free pony rides, the Home Depot Kid’s Workshop, Mari’s Country Critters Petting Zoo, free face painting and Otsego Fire Department family activities.

But wait, as they say in those late-night infomercials, there’s more.

Because more than 80 craft, business and non-profit vendors will be set up in the Otsego United Methodist Church and Winkel Funeral Home parking lots. For food, several food trucks will be on hand in addition to local restaurants such as Maude’s Taphouse, Judy’s Restaurant, Mezzo Coffee House and Our Table Family Restaurant.

“Join us and be part of one of Otsego’s most anticipated community events,” organizers said.

For more information about the Creative Arts Festival, visit facebook.com/OtsegoCreativeArtsFest.

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## Peek at the Past

*From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:*

**Sept. 25, 1950**

**State report shows cost of county to you:** County government cost you $22.90 during 1949, according to the state auditor general's report on county finances for the year which was made public this week.

The was the per capita cost of county functions, as spread on the county's total population, based on the census from 1940.

As usual, the largest share of the county money went to the highway department. Roads took $12.71.

Welfare and medical assistance took the second largest cut at $6.04. Administrative expenses amounted to $3.56, drains took only $0.58 and miscellaneous expenses amounted to a penny—of your $22.90.

**Sept. 25, 1975**

**Corn damage less than expected:** Last July's hail storm caused predicted damage to wheat and oat crops, but less than expected damage to the corn crop.

Vern May, Allegan executive director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services (ASCS), said the 1,000 acres of wheat hit by the freak storm suffered about a 25 per cent loss and the 500 acres of oats about a 50 per cent loss.

But the nearly 4,000 acres of corn, the leaves stripped and shredded by the falling chunks of ice, appears to have nearly recovered from the damage.

"There appears to be a little reduction," May said. "But tonnage shouldn't be much different from last year."

May said other weather factors besides the hail may have influenced the growth of the crop.

"We just don't have that much experience with hail damage," he said. "The corn is quite a little better than what we first thought."

**Sept. 28, 2000**

**What's in a name? A real story!:** Cherokee.

It's the nickname of an automobile and of a newborn baby. The two nicknames go together.

Brett Scott Jankowiak has been known to his grandmother, Beth Jankowiak, as Cherokee almost from the moment of his birth at 12:17 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, 2000. That's because Beth was instrumental in bringing him into the world on the back seat of a Jeep Cherokee belonging to Angel Jankowiak, Beth's daughter and Brett's mother.

Following the story so far?

As Angel told it, she rode in her Cherokee, Beth driving, along US-131 on the way to Grand Rapids, when she could no longer hold off the birth. They got off at the Wayland exit.

"I was lying down in the back seat," Angel said. "I was on the way to the hospital. I was on the way to Blodgett (Spectrum)."

Still following? Shall we go back further? Okay.

Angel, mother of Brett and of Zachary Jacob Jankowiak, 3, lives with Beth in Lee Township. Because Angel's due date of Sept. 5 had passed by eight days, she went to an appointment with Dr. Rodman Taber, ObGyn, in Grand Rapids to determine her pregnancy's status Wednesday, Sept. 13.

Back home in Grand Junction, maybe 60 miles from the hospital, she went into labor about 3:30 p.m.

Beth pleaded with Angel to hold off after her water broke. But Angel had to push. Evidently the third person in the Cherokee insisted on being born right then.

**Sept. 24, 2020**

**New Fennville grocer/restaurant opens doors:** Longtime residents and visitors to Fennville often enjoyed stopping at the late, much-lamented Su Casa restaurant and grocery store. It was one of the few places to find all the ingredients for a Mexican meal and much appreciated by the wider community.

For many years, diners entered through the grocery and followed their nose as they made their way back to a small dining room. For first timers, it might not have seemed very appealing, especially where the covering on some of the booths had duct tape that would adhere to that portion of the anatomy where the person met the seat. Then they ordered, and when the food came it was magnificent.

Over time Su Casa expanded and spiffed up their appearance. The dining room became spacious, and a Mariachi band played, especially on the weekends.

Then suddenly the doors closed and it became a memory. For several years the building stood empty. During the economic downturn, the future did not look bright.

New life came to the vacant building in December of last year when Isidro Torres and his family brought it back to life. They opened a small grocery store in the vacant building and called it La Poblanita. \

There was considerable cleaning and remodeling to be done to bring it up to the health codes and make it appealing. Sometime in the future the family intends to open a restaurant.

It is a true family business. Brother Francisco is the butcher and runs the meat department, daughter Jennifer is the face behind the counter when her dad is remodeling the future restaurant or working elsewhere.

Making a new business successful, especially a family business, is not for the faint hearted or for slackers. It means long hours and hard work. Everyone pitches in, and there is no such thing of 'that isn't my job or responsibility.

If there is work to be done, everyone does it.

*—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk*

**Brett Scott Jankowiak**, a few days old, rests in the arms of mother Angel while his brother Zachary, 3, stands proudly by. Brett has been nicknamed Cherokee after the place of his birth. (Photo by Dan Kelsey)

## Deaths

**August 30, 2025**

**KENNETH EARL PECHUMER,** 77, Wayland

**Sept. 4, 2025**

**JANIE PITTS,** 95, Fennville

**KEITH ARBY BUTTON,** 92, Martin Twp

**MARY GWENDOLYN NANCARROW,** 96, Laketown Twp.

**Sept. 6, 2025**

**DONALD GLEASON,** 91, Heath Twp.

**Sept. 7, 2025**

**SEVERA POBUDA,** 92, Allegan Twp.

**THOMAS DONALD HERALD, 60, Holland**

**MICHAEL L DAVIS,** 81, Allegan Twp.

**Sept. 8, 2025**

**MARY EDNA PIGEON-VANDERWOOD,** 78, Leighton Twp.

**Sept. 9, 2025**

**LAVERN DALE EDEWAARD,** 91, Fillmore Twp.

**LON OTIS BACHUS,** 80, Douglas

**MARK WILLIAM KLINKERS,** 63, Allegan Twp.

**Sept. 10, 2025**

**BARBARA JEAN CAMPBELL,** 76, Manlius Twp

**JUDY MARLENE DEMANN,** 78, Martin Twp.

**PHILLIP PAUL OLSON,** 83, Holland

**DIANNA LYNN BUCKHOUT,** 75, Otsego

**Sept. 11, 2025**

**ANGELA NICOLE WEBB,** 50, Allegan

**Sept. 12, 2025**

**SYLVIA SUE DAVIS,** 83, Watson Twp.

**Sept. 13, 2025**

**DONALD JOHN HOEKSTRA,** 79, Laketown Twp.

**Sept. 14, 2025**

**JOHN ATKINS,** 98, Otsego

**GERALD VIRGIL POLK,** 82, Manlius Twp.

## Marriages

*The following people applied for a marriage license between Dept. 9 and Sept. 17:*

**JOSHUA TRENT LENHART**, Dorr, and **DESTINY BRENNA PHILLIPS**, Hopkins

**ALEX JOSEPH SCHUT**, Plainwell, and **AMBER MAJID MALIK**, Kalamazoo

**MARCY LYNN BECKSFORT**, Allegan, and **MEREK SAENGSOULY SENGMANY**, Hamilton

**ALIYA ANN VICTORIA PLATT**, Plainwell, and **REASE DARRIN BISHOP**, Wayland

**HOLLY NICOLE HESELSCHWERDT**, Dorr, and **JACOB LEWIS SKINNER**, Dorr

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**AMBER LYNN CASWELL**, Hopkins, and **JAMES RICHARD VANHORN**, Kalamazoo

**SARAH KATHERINE JUAN**, Plainwell, and **NATHAN ANDREW MARLOW**, Plainwell

**DENNIS RAYMOND PITCHELLIS**, Wayland, and **CYNTHIA LOUISE POSTMA**, Wayland

**ELIJAH EDWARD SETH MILLER**, Allegan, and **KENDRA CHRISTINE HOZESKI**, Byron Center

**EMILY CONNIE BROWN**, Otsego, and **MASON MATTHEW RESH**, Mattawan

**MIGUEL ROJELIO CASTILLO**, Fennville, and **JESSICA JANET MENDOZA CANAL**, Fennville

**WILLIAM LOUIS SCHELL III**, Plainwell, and **SHANNON AMANDA JACKSON**, Plainwell

**AMANDA MICHELLE THOMSON**, Otsego, and **ADAM ANDREW CRIPPIN**, Otsego

**BRITTANY CAITLAN GREEN**, Allegan, and **ANTHONY LEE ANDREW HAMSTRA CHERRY**, Allegan

**SAVANNAH ROSE LYNN VANHOUTEN**, Allegan, and **EVAN ANDREW NEWTON**, Allegan

**RYLEIGH NICOLE GALBREATH**, Wayland, and **JOSHUA ARIK ZMUDKA**, Wayland

**DAVID ANTHONY ZOLP**, Allegan, and **BRANDON JEFFREY GUMM**, Allegan

**EMILY GRACE TIMMER**, Dorr, and **DYLAN RAY VANKLOMPENBERG**, Dorr

**CHLOE CHRISTINE TOBIN**, Otsego, and **JESSIE ENRIQUE FOSTER**, Otsego

**CARLEY JO DALKE**, Allegan, and **JOSEPH PETERS DENDEL**, Allegan

**JULIE ANNE MORRILL**, Saugatuck, and **BROOK GAYLE HANSON**, Saugatuck

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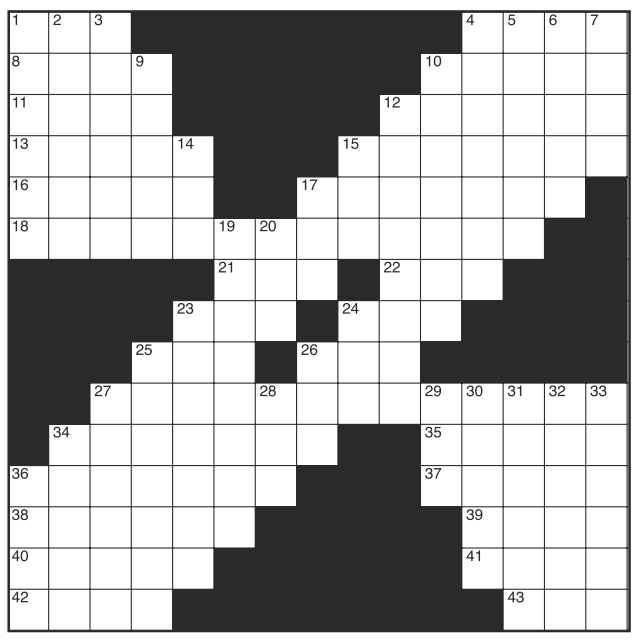
## Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

1. Gas usage measurement
4. Muslim mystic
8. Towards the mouth or oral region
10. Monday (Spanish)
11. Frame for a coffin
12. Rub out
13. John __, English educator 1467-1519
15. Small round particle
16. Chilean seaport
17. News service
18. Pay for dinner
21. Glamorous city
22. Subway rodent
23. 'The Raven' author
24. Buddhist festival
25. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
26. Indigenous person of Thailand
27. 'The Blonde Bombshell'
34. Series-ending episodes
35. Bluish greens
36. Aquatic mammal
37. Unit of measurement
38. Eye membranes
39. Indian god of dissolution
40. People of Scotland
41. Leak slowly through
42. Rock icon Turner
43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Large hat covering
2. 'From what is earlier' (Latin)
3. Celtic
4. Retirement region
5. A way to change posture
6. Touches
7. A small island
9. Rubbish
10. A citizen of Laos
12. A place to dance
14. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
15. Mild expression of surprise
17. 17th letter of Greek alphabet
19. Descriptions
20. Men's fashion accessory
23. Thieves of the sea
24. Prohibit
25. Card game
26. French and Belgian river
27. Underling
28. Downwind
29. Type of medication
30. German city
31. Animal disease
32. Martini ingredients
33. Get away from
34. Stuffed (French)
36. Type of precipitation

■ see **Solution**, Page B7

# Public Notices

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on October 2, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Michael E Northern and Deborah M. Matheson, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): ServBank, N.A. fka ServBank, SB

Date of Mortgage: July 23, 2018

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 30, 2018

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $251,619.55

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Gunplain, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 7, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, thence South 86 degrees 28 minutes 37 seconds West along the South line of Section 7, 910.64 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 86 degrees 28 minutes 37 seconds West along the South line of Section 7, 413.00 feet to the East 1/4 1/4 line of Section 7; thence North 02 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds West along the East 1/4 1/4 of Section 7, 1321.47 feet to the South 1/4 1/4 of Section 7; thence North 86 degrees 25 minutes 50 seconds East along the South 1/4 1/4 of Section 7, 2.64 feet to the Southerly line of Consumers Energy, thence South 57 degrees 37 minutes 48 seconds East along said ROW line, 503.19 feet; thence South 02 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds East parallel to the East 1/4 of Section 7, 1026.45 feet to the South line of Section 7 and the point of beginning.

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This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: September 4, 2025

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on October 16, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Christine M. Mosley, a single woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: October 19, 2007 Recorded on October 26, 2007, Liber 3172, on Page 743, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Forty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Four and 44/100 Dollars ($45,454.44) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 Section 35, thence West 330 feet, thence North 264 feet, thence East 330 feet, thence South 264 feet to place of beginning. EXCEPT: Commencing at a point 165 feet North of the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 as place of beginning, thence West 20 rods, thence North 99 feet, thence East 20 rods, thence South 99 feet to the place of beginning, Section 35, Town 2 North, Range 13 West. Commonly known as 1208 26th St, Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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NOTICE OF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Master Deed of Goshorn Lake Cottage Condominiums dated October 25, 2001, signed on October 25, 2001, and recorded on November 28, 2001, in Liber 2148, Page 692, et seq., Allegan County, Michigan, Register of Deeds, and any amendments thereto, and designated as Allegan County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 157 (the "Master Deed"). Said default under the Master Deed has resulted in the recordation of a "Notice of Lien for Nonpayment of Assessments" by Goshorn Lake Cottage Condominium Association, said Notice of Lien for Nonpayment of Assessments being dated June 30, 2025, signed on June 30, 2025, and recorded on July 10, 2025, in Liber 5048, Page 716, Allegan County, Michigan, Register of Deeds (the "Lien") on which Lien there is claimed to be due, as of the date hereon, the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FOUR AND 02/100 DOLLARS ($13,204.02). Under the power of sale contained in the Michigan Condominium Act of 1978, MCL 559.208(2), and Article V, Section 5.5(a) of the Condominium Bylaws, attached as part of said Master Deed, please take notice as follows: Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the liened premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on October 16, 2025. The amount due on the Lien may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the premises. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Said premises are located in the Township of Saugatuck, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and more particularly described as: UNIT NO 15 GOSHORN LAKE CONDOMINIUMS, ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 2148 ON PAGE 692 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO (IF ANY), AND DESIGNATED AS ALLEGAN COUNTY CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 157, TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN ABOVE MASTER DEED AND AS DESCRIBED IN 229 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1963 AND ACT 59 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO. Owner(s) of Record: Debra L. Quade Property Address: 3581 65th Street, Saugatuck, Michigan 49453 Parcel ID No. 20-170-015-00 Attention condominium co-owner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Lien at the telephone number stated in this Notice. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale pursuant to MCL 559.208(2) unless the property is determined abandoned, then, in that event, the redemption period shall be one (1) month from the date of such sale pursuant to MCL 559.208(2), after which Debra L. Quade and all persons claiming through or under her shall be forever barred from all equity of redemption. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, the owner, Debra L. Quade, will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to Goshorn Lake Cottage Condominium Association for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: September 5, 2025 By: Goshorn Lake Cottage Condominium Association, a Michigan Nonprofit Corporation For any inquiries, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Lien set forth below: Chantelle R. Neumann, Esq. Hirzel Law, PLC 37085 Grand River Avenue, Suite 200 Farmington, Michigan 48335 Phone: (248) 478-1800 Hirzel Law, PLC File No. 19009

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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Christopher Cooper, Individual, to PNC Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated September 14, 2022 and recorded September 29, 2022 in Liber 4802, Page 617 Allegan County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-One and 34/100 Dollars ($64,281.34).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on OCTOBER 16, 2025.

Said premises are located in the City of Fennville, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

LOT 15 OF ATWATER'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FENNVILLE, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 14.

229 Wilson Street, Fennville, Michigan 49408

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: September 11, 2025

File No. 25-011182

Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC

Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

County Bldg. Allegan, MI 49010

FILE NO.: 25-70962

Hon. Matthew Antkoviak P-59449

ROHIT JAIN,

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

ALTA CIMA CORP D/B/A FACTORY HOME CENTER and

ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS,

DEFENDANTS,

MICHAEL J. BECKER P81132

ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, MCKOWN

& KIEL P.C.

Attorney for Plaintiff

314 Trowbridge Street

Allegan, MI 49010

ORDER FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE OF PROCESS

At a session of court held in the courthouse in

Allegan County, Michigan, Aug. 16, 2025

Present: Matthew Antkoviak P-59449, Circuit Court Judge

Plaintiff filed a verified ex parte motion for service of process in the discretion of the court. After reading the motion, the court finds that Plaintiff has shown that service of process cannot reasonably be made on Defendant All Unknown Claimants by the methods provided in MCR 2.105(A): The court further finds, pursuant to MCR 2.105(), that service of process by delivery by publication in Allegan County, Michigan is the best available methods of service of process reasonably calculated to give Defendants actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff must serve the Defendants All Unknown Claimants by

publication for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper located in Allegan County, Michigan.

Matthew Antkoviak P-59449

STATE OF MICHIGAN

JUDICIAL DISTRICT

48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Allegan COUNTY

Summons

Case No. 25-70962

Matthew Antkoviak P-59449

Plaintiffs name, address, and telephone number

Rohit Jain

704 38th Street

Allegan, MI 49010

Plainfift's attomey bar number, address, and telephone number

Michael J. Becker; Orton Tooman PC P81132

314 Trowbridge St.,

Allegan, MI 49010

269-673-2136

v

Defendant's name, address, and telephone number

Alta Cimi Corp D/B/A Factory Expo Home Centers

and All Unknown Claimants

Resident Agent: Paracorp Incorporated

320 N. Meridian Ste 817

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Civil Case

There is no other pending or resolved civil action arising out of the same transaction or occurrence as alleged in the complaint.

Summons

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notified:

1. You are being sued.

2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons and a copy of the complaint to file a written answer with the court and serve a copy an the other party or take other lawful action with the court (28 days if you were served by mail or you were served outside of Michigan).

3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

4. If you require accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language Interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, plwase contact the court immediately to make arrangements.

Issue date 08-21-2025

Expiration date: 11-19-2025

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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on OCTOBER 16, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Justin Mohrig and Sarah Mohrig, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Aspire Financial, Inc. DBA Aspire Lending, Mortgagee, dated August 30, 2013 and recorded September 9, 2013 in Liber 3775, Page 42 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc., by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven and 15/100 Dollars ($322,837.15).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on OCTOBER 16, 2025.

Said premises are located in the Township of Leighton, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

LOTS 61 AND 62, GREEN LAKE PARK PLAT ADDITION, LEIGHTON TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, KNOWN AS "THE COURT" SINCE DATE OF PLAT; ALSO COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 61, THENCE SOUTHEAST ALONG THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 66 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWEST TO THE LAKE IN A PARALLEL LINE WITH THE NORTHWEST LINE OF LOT 61, THENCE NORTHWEST ALONG THE LAKE SHORE 66 FEET; THENCE NORTHEAST TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; CONSISTING OF AND CONTAINING THAT PARCEL OF LAND LYING BETWEEN LOT 61 AND THE LAKE SHORE OF GREEN LAKE PARK, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 36, ALLEGAN COUNTY RECORDS.

4626 Hilltop Drive, Caledonia, Michigan 49316

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: September 11, 2025

File No. 25-011403

Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC

Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT FOR ALLEGAN COUNTY

HON. Matthew Antkoviak P-59449

File No 25-71046-cz

Martin J. Reed

Plaintiff,

v

Franklin F. Manshem,

Betty J. Manshem

and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES & ASSIGNS.

Defendants.

Martin J. Reed (P26028)

138 Hubbard St.

Allegan, MI 49010

269-673-8954

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND POSTING

NOTICE OF ACTION

At a session of said Court held in the City of Allegan, County of Allegan, and State of Michigan on the 10 day of September, 2025.

PRESENT: Hon, Matthew Antkoviak P-59449, Circuit Judge

TO: Franklin F. Manshem & Betty J. Manshem and their Unknown heirs, devisees or assigns and/or any UNNAMED DEFENDANTS who may have an interest in the property which is the subject of this action:

T IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by Plaintiff in this Court to quiet title to property located In the City of Allegan, County of Allegan and State of Michigan, described as follows:

Parcel #: 0351-205-021-30

E 24.4' OF S 75.76' OF LOT 268 O.P. SEC 28 T2N R13W

You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this Court within 30 days after the date of last publication. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. With respect to Defendants Franklin F. Manshem & Betty J. Manshem, a copy of this Order shall be published each week in The Allegan County News & Gazette, for three consecutive weeks and proof of publication shall be filed in this Court.

3. Further, a copy of this Order summons and complaint shall be posted upon the subject parcel.

Matthew Antkoviak P-59449

Allegan County Circuit Judge

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on October 16, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Rickie L. Jones and Tamara L. Jones, as husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Center, LLC

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: March 27, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: April 5, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $127,480.77

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Valley, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 17 of Kozy Knoll Mobile Acres, being in Section 13, Town 2 North, Range 14 West, according to the recorded Plat thereof, also commencing at the West most corner of Lot 17 of Kozy Knoll Mobile Acres, being in Section 13, Town 2 North, Range 14 West; thence South 43 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds East, along the South line of said lot 150 feet to the South most corner of said lot; thence South 13 degrees 13 minutes 48 seconds West, 641.11 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 15 seconds West 110 feet; thence North 11 degrees 52 minutes 53 seconds East 749.71 feet to the West most corner of Lot 17 and the place of beginning

Common street address (if any): 1962 Lincoln Rd, Allegan, MI 49010-8938

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: September 18, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on November 6, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Terry Mohrland Jr., An Unmarried Man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Date of Mortgage: June 5, 2014

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 11, 2014

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $115,682.52

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Cheshire, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 3, Town 1 North, Range 14 West; thence West 165 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 715.75 feet; thence West 140.05 feet; thence North 451.75 feet; thence North 20 degrees 58 minutes 21 seconds East 193.75 feet; thence North 83.03 feet; thence East 66.02 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 1187 Kimbel Dr, Allegan, MI 49010-8314

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: September 25, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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PUBLICATION NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Trust Estate

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

In the Matter of the Kenneth E. Dodge and Hazel L. Dodge Revocable Trust dated June29, 2010, as restated. Decedent's date of birth: August 25, 1936

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in this matter may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, Hazel L. Dodge, lived in Allegan County, Plainwell, Michigan, and died August 16, 2025. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all decedent's assets were held by the Trustee at decedent's death, and the decedent has no probate estate. Creditors of the deceased are further notified that all claims against the trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to: Dwane P. Enos, Trustee and/or the attorney's office representing Dwane P. Enos as Trustee within 4 months of the publication of this notice. This notice is published pursuant to MCL 700.7608. If a probate estate is opened in the future for the decedent, this notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of MCL 700.3801. Notice is further given that the trust estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the person(s) entitled to it.

CHALGIAN & TRIPP LAW OFFICES, PLLC. September 16, 2025

Phillip E. Harter P24309

395 S. Shore Dr., Ste. 205

Battle Creek, MI 49014

(269) 963-3900

Dwane P. Enos

5100 N. Riverview Dr.

Kalamazoo, MI 49004

(269) 349-6578

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

ALLEGAN COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

CASE NO. 25-65823-DE and JUDGE Jolene A. Clearwater, P-74878

Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010

Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of Alison Gail Wingerter Date of Birth:*June 7, 1955

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Alison Gail Wingerter , died August 10, 2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ronald G. Wingerter, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

September 16, 2025

James A. Donkersloot P30433

Donkersloot Law Office

132 E. Main Avenue, P.O. Box 230

4738 - 142nd Avenue

Zeeland, MI 49464

(616) 772-9000

Ronald G. Wingerter

Holland, MI 49423

(812) 878-3756

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ALLEGAN COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Trust

In the matter of the Jack D. Schricker Declaration of Trust dated January 10, 2024

Jack D. Schricker was the grantor of the Trust and his date of birth was June 20, 1938.

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Jack Dwight Schricker, died August 4, 2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to

Angela M. Dos-Santos, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Jessica Arends P75919

321 Settlers Road

Holland, MI 49423

616-392-1821

Angela M. Dos-Santos

325 Cross Oaks Drive, #3

Plainwell, MI 49080

269-685-7564

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

Case No. 25-70706-CK

HON. MATTHEW ANTKOVIAK

JOMAR PROPERTIES, LLC, a Michigan

Limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

V

JOHN VANSPRONSEN, an individual,

Defendant.

Natashka W. Fris (P72565)

CUNNINGHAM DALMAN, P.C.

Attorneys for Defendant

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ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

At a session of said Court, held in the County Building in the City of Allegan, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, this 11 day of Sept, 2025.

PRESENT: Honorable Matthew Antkoviak, Circuit Judge.

THIS MATTER involving a claim for monetary damages from destruction caused by John Vanspronsen at 3588 Lincoln Road, Hamilton, Michigan, 49419, throughout his tenancy as a renter, having come before the Court by Motion of Plaintiff, the Court being advised in the premises, and the Court finds that service of process upon the Defendant cannot be reasonably made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard. Defendant must answer the Complaint filed in this Court within 28 days of the date of FINAL publication of this notice. Failure to answer may result in a default judgment against Defendant or other negative action.

IT IS ORDERED THAT ALTERNATE SERVICE may be made on Defendant by first-class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, to 3487 Lincoln Rd, Hamilton, MI 49419, but shall also be effected by tacking said summons and complaint to the door at 3487 Lincoln Rd, Hamilton, MI 49414 and via publication pursuant to MCR 2.106(D).

Matthew Antkoviak P-59449

Honorable Matthew Antkoviak, Circuit Court Judge

THIS DOCUMENT PREPARED BY: Natashka W. Fris (P72565) CUNNINGHAM DALMAN, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiffs

321 Settlers Road, P.O. Box 1767 Holland, MI 49422-1767 (616) 392-1821

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# Public Notices

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Deputy Clerk
9-25 10-9

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, November 6, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Joseph Anderson, An Unmarried Man to Fifth Third Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated August 28, 2020, and recorded on September 3, 2020, in Liber 4506, Page 19, Allegan County Records, , on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Three and 54/100 ($149,433.54) including interest at the rate of 3.12500% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Gun Plain, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the West Quarter post of Section 32 Town 1 North, Range 11 West; Thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 22 seconds East 283.32 feet to the point of beginning of this description; Thence continuing North 00 degrees 19 minutes 22 seconds East on said Section line 368.86 feet to the center of chart drain; Thence North 72 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East on the center of said drain 946.55 feet to the centerline of Douglas Avenue; Thence South 30 degrees 00 minutes 57 seconds East on the centerline of said Avenue 164.21 feet; Thence South 56 degrees 01 minute 42 seconds West 357.72 feet; Thence South 28 degrees 21 minutes 32 seconds East 188.89 feet; Thence South 78 degrees 56 minutes 07 seconds West 792.56 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 130 10TH STREET, PLAINWELL, MI 49080 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: September 25, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank, N.A. 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 23MI01029-2
(09-25)(10-16)

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ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS Trust
In the matter of the Willard H. Brink and Thelma J. Brink Joint Living Trust established May 18, 2020, amended June 3, 2024
Willard Henry Brink was the surviving grantor of the Trust and his date of birth was January 6, 1929.
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Willard Henry Brink, died July 26, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to David Brink, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Jessica Arends P75919
321 Settlers Road
Holland, MI 49423
616-392-1821
David Brink
5548 140th Avenue Address
Holland, MI 49423 City, state, zip
616-836-3193

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
48TH CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION
ALLEGAN COUNTY
PUBLICATION OF HEARING
Court Address: 113 Chestnut, Allegan, MI 49010
TO:ALLEGAN COUNTY NEWS
241 HUBBARD STREET
ALLEGAN, MI 49010
IN THE MATTER OF: JOSIA-IRA LANCASTER
CASE NO. 25-70821-NA PETITION NO. I
A PUTATIVE FATHER HEARING will be conducted by the court on OCTOBER 22, 2025 at 1:00 PM in 48TH CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION before HONORABLE JOLENE A. CLEARWATER. You have the right to an attorney and the right to a trial by a judge or jury.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that DAVID YOUNGS personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Termination of your parental rights. 113 Chestnut St. Allegan, MI 49010, Family Division.
Dated: 9/16/25
Judge Jolene A. Clearwater (P74848)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 25-65822 DE
Estate of David Andrew Vogt, a/k/a David A. Vogt, Deceased
Date of Birth: 07/17/1968
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, David Andrew Vogt, died on July 26, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert Vogt and Janette Jackobs, named co-personal representatives, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut St. Allegan, MI 49010 and the named co-personal representatives within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Date: September 16, 2025
Michael J. Becker (P81132)
Orton, Tooman, Hale, McKown & Kiel, P.C.
314 Trowbridge Street, P.O. Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010-0239
(269) 673-2136
Co-Personal Representatives:
Robert Vogt
4459 104th St., SW
Byron Center, MI 49315
Janette Jackobs
4351 26th Street
Dorr, MI 49323

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 2025- 65856-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Olivia Rose Otto Date of Birth:*6-30-25
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Olivia Rose Otto, died 6-30-25.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jordyn Otto, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
09-19-2025
Ajay Gupta P45739
PO Box 428
Troy MI 48099-0428
313-849-0567
Jordyn Otto
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PARA LAS ELECCIONES DEL 4 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2025 EN LAS SIGUIENTES CIUDADES Y MUNICIPIOS DEL CONDADO DE ALLEGAN EN EL ESTADO DE MICHIGAN

A LOS ELECTORES CALIFICADOS: DE ESTAS CIUDADES DEL CONDADO DE ALLEGAN: FENNVILLE.

**SE LE NOTIFICA** que se celebrarán elecciones el **martes 4 DE NOVIEMBRE de 2025**. El último día para registrarse de cualquier manera que no sea en persona con el secretario local es el lunes 20 de octubre de 2025. Las personas que se inscriban entre el 21 de octubre y el 4 de noviembre podrán hacerlo en persona ante el secretario local con una prueba de residencia (MCL 168.492) en los siguientes lugares:

| Municipio | Horario normal de atención | Horario de fin de semana: 1 y 2 de noviembre |
|---|---|---|
| Ciudad de Fennville, 125 S. Maple St., Fennville MI 49408 | De lunes a viernes, de 8:00 a. m. a 4:30 p. m. | Sábado de 11:00 a. m. a 3:00 p. m., domingo de 12:00 p. m. a 4:00 p. m. |

**Todas las secretarías de las ciudades y municipios indicados anteriormente estarán abiertas de 7:00 a. m. a 8:00 p. m. el día de las elecciones, el 4 de NOVIEMBRE de 2025, con el fin de inscribir a los votantes.**

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**Para conocer el listado completo de todos los candidatos y las propuestas, visite nuestro sitio web www.allegancounty.org o www.michigan.gov/sos.**

Bob Genetski, secretario/certificador del Condado de Allegan

# CLASSIFIEDS

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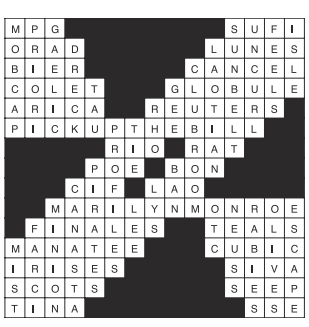

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# RELIGION SECTION

Often when we read and attempt to apply some of the verses in St Paul's letters, we seek to imitate him, just as St Paul was attempting to imitate Jesus. This is especially true when we study the first verses in the fourth chapter of his letter to the Philippians. We are told, twice over, to rejoice in all (good) things and worry about nothing. St Paul imitated Jesus who told his disciples not to worry about anything, and now it is advice passed on to us. We all stand on each other's shoulders.

Sometimes, when things are especially rough, we might look at those verses and almost sarcastically respond, "Yeah, right, as if that is going to happen." It is easy to feel that way for so many reasons: the on-going wars in Gaza and Ukraine and other places around the world, the economy, politics, and more. Add to that all of the challenging human experiences that touch on our personal finances, health, relationships, and so the list continues.

Of course, things really were not that much different when St Paul wrote this letter. The Roman Empire was abusive, disease was rampant, there was always the danger of famine, and the wealth of the empire did not trickle down to citizens, much less to slaves. It was even worse for the first generation of Christians who were falsely accused of so many things.

Rejoice? How can we rejoice with all of these challenges and struggles? How can we not help but be worried, concerned, and sometimes scared?

All of our worries and concerns seem magnified when we are alone and emotionally feel we are completely on our own. We believe there is no one coming to rescue us or at least share these burdens. Very likely, we think, there is not going to be a happy outcome. It is an awful feeling.

The harsh truth is that all of us experience times when we feel we are completely alone. It is the youngster going to a new school or the college student living in a dormitory room among strangers. It can be from broken relationships or from the death of a loved one. Being alone makes everything seem all the worse.

Sometimes we forget that there is a difference between being alone and solitude. I do not think we are doing ourselves much good when we tie them together and think that they are awful experiences. Solitude can be a gift, although sometimes it may seem like a well-hidden gift. It becomes a blessing when we remember that no matter how distant other people might be, or how awful the circumstances, Jesus are still present in our life. To quote a line from a pseudo-science television program: "We are not alone. We have never been alone. We will never be alone."

Christ is with us. To that we add, "Thanks be to God."

*G C Stoppel*
*Priest Associate*
*Episcopal Church of the*
*Good Shepherd, Allegan, MI*

# Directory of Area Churches

**Allegan Assembly of God**
424 DeLano St, Allegan
Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
Church: 673-6577

**Allegan Bible Church**
412 S. Sherman, Allegan
Pastor Jon Gruss
Church: 673-6831

**Allegan Christian Center**
700 Ely St., Allegan
Paul Knuckles, Pastor
Church: 673-2921

**Allegan County Jail**
Chaplain Sarah Montgomery
Phone: 673-0350

**Allegan United Methodist Church**
Corner Walnut & Trowbridge streets, Allegan
Pastor Julia Humenik
Church: 673-4236;

**At the Master's Feet**
814 21st St., Otsego
269-694-6897
Paster Ray Brown

**Blessed Sacrament Church**
110 N. Cedar Street, Allegan
Fr. Simon Manjooran
Church: 673-4455

**Bloomingdale Bible Church**
210 Chestnut at Pine NW
Bloomin gdale
Ofc. 269-427-2101

**Bravo Community Church**
5587 113th Ave., Fennville
Pastor Duane Terpstra
616-886-1214

**Burnips United Methodist**
4241 30th, Burnips
Craig VanBeek, Pastor
616-896-8410

**Calvary Church of Wayland (IFCA)**
304 S. Main Street, Wayland
Pastor Chad Peckham
ccwayland.org

**Casco United Methodist Church**
880 66th Street, South Haven
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
269-227-3328
www.cascoumc.org

**Chicora Country Chapel**
4399 108th Ave., Allegan
Pastor Herb Curry
Phone: 269-370-5834

**Christ Community Church**
3370 113th Ave., Allegan
www.alleganccc.org ·
(269) 673-2329
Pastor Wally Coots

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**
687 Linn Street, Allegan
Church: 673-9617

**Church of God - Otsego**
112 Kalamazoo St., Otsego
Pastor Stephen Burrow Sr.
269-694-9481
www.otsegocog.com

**Corner Bible Church**
4001 124th Allegan
673-5995
www.cornerbiblechurch.com

**CrossWind Community Church**
1632 142nd Avenue
Dorr, MI 49323
616-359-9013
Pastor Tommy Boutell

**Dunningville Reformed Church**
2559 M-40, Allegan
Church: 751-5894
Pastor Eric Burrows-Stone
dunningville.org/index.html

**East Martin Christian Reformed Church**
510-118th Ave., Martin
269-672-5746
www.eastmartincrc.org

**Epiphany Lutheran Church (LCMS)**
4219 Parklane, Dorr
www.epiphanydorr.org
Sunday service at 9:15 a.m., Bible Study and Sunday School following

**Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd**
101 North Walnut St, Allegan
Office: 673-2254

**Faith Baptist Church**
2846 125th Ave., Allegan
John Looman, Pastor
673-5040 1-888-354-3272

**Fennville Assembly of God**
5897 124th Ave.
Fennville, MI 49408
269-561-2683

**Fennville United Methodist Church**
5849 124th St., Fennville
269-561-5048
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

**First Presbyterian Church**
200 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church: 673-4631
www.fpcallegan.org
10:00 service time.

**First Baptist Church**
1290 32nd St., Allegan
Service at 10:00am
Pastors Nathan Smith & Brendon Bayley
www.fbcallegan.com

**First Baptist Church of Otsego**
247 E Allegan St., Otsego
(269) 694-4160
firstbaptist@fbcotsego.org

**First Church of God**
1313 Marshall Street, Allegan
269 673-3881
www.pathtohim.org
Pastor, Tim Secord

**First Congregational Church**
323 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church Office: 673-3139
Pastor Todd Wagner

**First Congregational Church**
120 W. Morrell St., Otsego
269-694-6085
Pastor Lenny Luchetti

**First Presbyterian Church of Plainwell**
303 East Bridge St.
Plainwell, MI 49080
685-5990

**Friendship Bible Church**
104 Baker St., Hopkins, MI
Pastor Chris Cronk and Worship Pastor Tony Caldarona
Office 793-7929

**Ganges Baptist Church**
6577 122nd Avenue, Fennville
269-543-4203
11AM each Sunday

**Ganges United Methodist Church**
2218 68th St
Fennville MI 49408
Phone 269-543-3581
Lay Minister - Marcia A. Tucker

**Grace Church of Hamilton**
**3690 Lincoln Rd. P.o. Box 97**
**Hamilton Mi 49419**
**269.264.4900**
**Gracechurchofhamilton@gmail.com**

**Haven Church**
PO Box 1
4691 Oak Street, Hamilton
(269)751-7300
Pastor Mike Drew
FB:havenreformedchurch

**Hope Lutheran Church**
290 12th St., Plainwell
(269) 685-1348
Pastor Nicole Smith
Worship 10:30am; S. School 9:15am

**Hopkins Community Reformed Church**
2142 128th Ave., Hopkins
(269) 793-7361
hopkinscommunitychurch.net

**Hopkins United Methodist Church**
322 N. Maple St., Hopkins
(269) 793-7323
Pastor Kelsey French

**Horseshoe Community Bible Church**
4950 104th Avenue, Grand Junction
269-521-4580 ·
Pastor Don Miller

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**
631 Grand Street, Allegan
Church: 673-3335
Rev. Christopher Laughlin

**Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness**
2199 Taft Road, Allegan
Phone: 673-6179

**Living Waters Community Church**
5458 M-89, Fennville
Service: 10:30 Sundays
Pastor Andrew Leach
269-561-5277

**Martin Reformed Church**
1073 W. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor: Matthew Hendricks
672-5596

**Martin United Methodist Church**
969 E. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor Margaret Stoken
269-672-7097
www.martinumc.org

**Merson Church**
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Monterey Center, 49328
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793-7288

**Mt. Calvary M.B. Church**
5425 105th Ave., Pullman
Pastor Everett Belue
269-382-3405

**New Hope Baptist Church**
2011 Lincoln Road (M-40 N)
Pastor Tadd Butler
673-1938

**Northbridge Church**
8824 Douglas, Kalamazoo
269-385-4378 ·
www.northbridge.cc

**Northpoint Ministries**
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Gobles MI · 269.628.9199
Pastor Gary Lounsberry
Sunday Worship: 11am

**OAKLAND CRC**
4460 38th Street
Hamilton. Mi. 49419
616 688 5290
Pastor Mark Vande Zande

**Otsego United Methodist Church**
223 E Allegan St. Otsego MI
10:00 a.m. Worship
Reverend Dan Minor
Otsegomethodistchurch.org

**Pathfinder North Church**
(A Global Methodist Church)
410 E. Orleans St.
Otsego, MI 49078
9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Worship
Rev Ron Hansen
Pathfindernorth.com

**Peace Lutheran Church**
805 S. Wilmott St., Otsego
www.peaceotsego.com
694-6104

**Pearl United Methodist Church**
1689 56th St., Fennville
269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

**Pentecostal Church of God I.M**
2281 57th St, Fennville
Wed/Miércoles @ 7:00 pm
Sunday/Domingo @ 10:00 am
Worship Service @ 11:00am
Rev. Jeremias & Maribel Gaytan
231) 923-6887 - (231) 923-6959
Email: gytnj@yahoo.com

**Plainwell First Baptist Church**
404 W. Bridge St., Plainwell
(269) 685-8888
Pastor George Osborn

**Plainwell First United Methodist Church**
200 Park St. Plainwell
269-685-5113
www.fumcplainwell.com

**Rectify Church**
247 N. Main St., Allegan
616-218-1556
Pastor Sarah Montgomery

**Redemption Place Church of God**
1900 M-40, Allegan
Pastor Deborah Lesher
Church: 269-355-1167

**Refreshing Springs Ministries**
201 Briggs St., Allegan
616-510-7416
Pastor Adrian Hall

**River of Life Church**
605 W. Allegan, Otsego
269-672-9904
www.alleganchurch.com

**Seventh Day Adventist Church**
229 Cutler Street, Allegan
Dan Rachor, Pastor
Church: 673-3284

**Shelbyville United Methodist Church**
938 124th Ave., Shelbyville
672-7097 - Church office
Pastor Margaret Stoken

**South Monterey United Methodist Church**
Pastor Kelsey French
Church: 793-7323

**St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church**
11850 9 Mile Rd., Shelbyville
269-664-4345
Service: Sundays 9:30 am

**Saint John's Church Of God In Christ**
716 Academy St, Allegan
Rev. Jeremiah Johnson Sr.
Phone: 673-8590—673-3007

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**
1764 34th St., Allegan
Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

**St. Margaret's Catholic Church**
766 S. Farmer St., Otsego
269-694-6311

**Third Coast Community Church**
www.thirdcoastff.org |
269.857.5633
6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453
Sunday Worship: 10:00am

**Trowbridge Community Church**
355 26th Street, Otsego
Pastor Mykel Hall, Pastor
Church: 673-5502

**Unity Baptist Church**
35 14 12th St. Wayland
Pastor Kelly Ryan
Cell # (269) 330-2217

**Watson Bible Church**
1626 116th St., Otsego
Pastor Tim Morris
672-2166

**Wayland Community Church**
502 West Superior, Wayland
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